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EXCITING YACHT INCIDENT.

RACING CRAFT FIRED ON BY JUNK.

LA CIGALE FIRST HOME IN MACAO RACE.

TWO NOT YET BACK.

An exciting incident occurred to one of the yachts taking part in the annual race to Macao and back, when the crew were fired upon with rifles from a Chinese junk which was guarding some fishing stakes.

The shots were fired when the craft, believed to be the Wanderer, approached close to the fishing stakes, but the Chinese crew of the yacht succeeded in eluding the fire of the guards by shouting, after which shooting ceased. It is understood that there were no casualties.

Of the ten yachts which started from Murray Pier at half-past seven yesterday morning eight had returned by 11.15 to-day.

'La Cigale' Finishes First.

Those yachts which have finished the course so far are as follows:

	Finishing time.
1. La Cigale	3.56.35
2. U. and I.	5.21.43
3. Norseman	8.13.25
4. Typhoon	8.23.14
5. Queen Bee	8.32.20
6. Lady Jean	8.52.08
7. Azuma	11.09.50
8. Feathers	1.23.07

Those that have not returned yet are Curlew and Wanderer. The corrected times are not yet available, but it is understood, subject to confirmation, that the above will be winning order.

A good start was made within 10 to 15 seconds of gunfire. With a fresh breeze from the east of about Force 3-4, the boats got away with spinners set to starboard, eight of the fleet going to Captsman, while Curlew and Norseman elected to take the southern course. On passing through Captsman, the wind had a considerable amount of southing in it, which necessitated a gybe, and, with spinners set to port, some craft were able to hold Macao, a run of rather more than 20 miles.

Fast Run Out.

Towards Macao, the wind became much lighter, and, on the mark boat being picked up, it was found that the two craft which had taken the southern passage had made a very good course. La Cigale rounded off about 1.48 p.m., being closely followed by Norseman, while, in turn, led Wanderer. Then came U. and I., Queen Bee, Feathers, Curlew and Lady Jean. The last boat of the fleet was judged to be round the mark at not later than five o'clock in the afternoon.

At the Macao mark, the fleet found light and fickle air, which were chiefly from the south, and, in consequence, they made little progress against the strong ebb tide.

The change of tide came at about four o'clock in the afternoon and this enabled the boats to work to the eastward.

Queen Bee and Norseman sailed a very free course and moved quickly but were naturally carried up by the strong flood. La Cigale, U. and I., Wanderer and Curlew held more to the south against the flood.

At about six o'clock in the evening, it was observed that all boats had their anchors down. From this point the fleet became scattered, and La Cigale worked away to the south while U. and I. appeared to be moving up on the flood, working presumably on the idea that she would be brought southward on the strong ebb which was due to start at about nine o'clock.

It is reported that one of the competing yachts, believed to be the Wanderer, on approaching close to some fishing stakes, alarmed the crew of the junk with rifles. A considerable amount of hailing by the Chinese crew of the yacht in question, however, brought about a cessation.

At about 10.30 last night, the wind commenced to freshen from E.S.E. and gave the boats a good piece of beating back to the Club. Most of the craft succeeded in saving the tide through Captsman but were not as fortunate as the

WEST POINT ARMED ROBBERY.

GANG TERRORISES INMATES OF SALT SHOP.

ONLY SMALL HAUL.

A salt dealer, of No 20 Tse Mi Alley, West Point, was victimised by four armed robbers who visited his shop yesterday at 7.15 p.m.

According to his report to the police, the foks had stopped business for the day and were in the rear of the shop when a man entered and enquired for "Ah Leung." At the time, the street door was closed, but not locked, and since the shop master's surname was Leong, there appeared nothing strange in a man asking for "Ah Leung."

The foks then left the rear portion of the shop to attend to the stranger. At the time, three other men entered the shop, two of whom covered the inmates with revolvers. They then bound and gagged them and after searching them and the shop's safe, the robbers decamped with \$63 worth of clothing and money.

It is understood that if the robbers had made a more thorough search they would have found a good deal more money on the premises, there being several hundred dollars in notes hastily hidden away by one of the foks when he realised who the intruders were.

FRENCH FORGERY ALLEGATION.

EX-SENATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

SPECIALISTS' REPORT.

Parth, Dec. 26.

Three mental experts who have examined M. Klotz state that he is entirely responsible for his actions. It will be recalled that M. Klotz recently resigned his Senatorship, thus relieving the authorities of the necessity of raising the question of his Parliamentary immunity in view of his impending prosecution.

This followed an announcement by the President of the Senate to the effect that a request had been received from the Public Prosecutor for authorisation to institute proceedings against M. Klotz on allegations that he uttered cheques with insufficient cover in connection with the payment for a motor car and that he forged the name of a business man as an acceptor of a bill of exchange.

M. Klotz, apart from his political activities, was a passionate gambler.—*Reuter.*

Later, Counsel representing Senator Klotz has demanded a second opinion as regards the accused's mental condition.—*Reuter.*

Two leading yachts, La Cigale and U. and I., as they ultimately met the commencement of the flood when coming up the harbour.

The Competitors.

The competing yachts with their crews were as follows:

La Cigale, Mr. F. P. Lenfestey and Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

U. and I., Mr. H. S. Rouse, Capt. A. W. Davidson, Capt. Alkman, Mr. P. Sinclair, Mr. J. L. Adams, and Mr. E. B. Reed.

Norseman, Mr. C. L. Edwards and Mr. H. G. Russell.

Typhoon, Mr. Gandy and an officer of H.M.S. Hermes.

Queen Bee, Major Miles, Lieut. Commander Hingworth R.N., and Mrs. Hingworth.

Lady Jean, Mr. H. J. Pearce and Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.

Azuma, Mr. J. D. A. McLaren, Mr. J. S. Scott Elliott and Lieut. Commander Abel Smith (H.M.S. Hermes).

Feathers, Dr. Nicholson and Capt. Payton Reid.

Curlew, Major Greig, R.E., and Mr. Martin, R.E.

Wanderer, Mr. C. E. L. Grist, Mr. F. Nicholson and Mr. G. G. S. Thomson.

REASSURING TONE CONTINUES.

LAST NIGHT'S PALACE BULLETIN.

HIS MAJESTY STILL MAKING SLOW PROGRESS.

QUEEN AND CANADA.

London, Dec. 26.

The bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace to-night at 8.15 p.m. states:

"His Majesty has had a quiet day. The slow progress in the general and local condition is maintained. No further bulletin will be issued until to-morrow."

(Signed) Stanley Hewett, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

The bulletin is regarded in Palace circles as favourable and reassuring. The fact that the King's doctors consider it necessary to issue only one bulletin to-morrow is a good sign, meaning that little change has occurred in the King's condition beyond the slow progress, which has been going on uninterruptedly for nearly a week, as anticipated.

Hopeful Course.

As long as the doctors are able to report even the slightest improvement in the daily bulletins it can be taken that the illness is following the course for which the physicians have been hoping.

Her Majesty the Queen has addressed a lengthy reply to the goodwill message of Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, in which the loyalty of Canada was betokened.

Profoundly Touched.

The Queen says that the message will be highly valued by the King when his progress towards recovery has sufficiently advanced for him to receive it personally.

"The expressions of love and devotion of the Canadian people and knowledge of their prayers and sympathetic solicitude during the past anxious weeks and your message's note of joy and thankfulness to God for the hopeful condition of the King, touch me profoundly, and on this Christmas morning, my children and I thank you from our hearts."

"I look forward to the day when the King will be cheered and strengthened by this testimony that the heart of Canada is with him in weal and woe."—*Reuter.*

A Quiet Christmas.

London, Dec. 26.

Like thousands of other families all over England, the Royal Family spent a quiet and happy Christmas together.

The Queen and all five of her children attended service in the Palace chapel in the morning.

The great occasion was the family reunion at the Christmas dinner table, at which Sir Stanley Hewett, who has practically lived in the Palace since the King's illness, was a guest.

During the day, the Queen and her sons and daughter paid brief visits to the sick room to see the King.

The holiday was observed at the Palace very quietly, but happiness and relief prevailed, due to the improvement in the King's condition.—*Reuter.*

NANKING MILITARY CONFERENCE.

OPENING POSTPONED FOR FEW DAYS.

Nanking, Dec. 27.

The Disbandment Conference has been postponed, its opening being tentatively fixed for January 1st.

Among those qualified to participate are Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, Marshal Yen Hui-shan, General Li Chung-yan, Admiral Yang Shu-chuan (Commander-in-Chief of the Navy), Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Ho Ying-ching, Mr. Tan Yen-kai, Mr. Chao Tai-wen, Mr. T. Y. Soong, Mr. Wang Po-chun and Mr. Sun Fo.—*Reuter.*

REBELS BEATEN BY THE WINTER.

COLD CAUSES LULL IN KABUL OPERATIONS.

SOVIET SLANDERERS.

New Delhi, Dec. 26.

Although R.A.F. planes are still effecting rescues of the foreign women and children in Kabul, it would seem from information available to-day that there is no further need for serious alarm.

Very severe wintry conditions have descended on the country, and the position at Kabul is undoubtedly clearer thereby, the cold having caused a considerable number of the rebel forces to withdraw at least temporarily.

The probable continuance of the severe weather will cause a lull in the operations and afford King Amannullah an opportunity of dealing with the disturbed areas piecemeal.

The French, German and Italian Governments have appealed to the British Government to assist in securing the safety of their women and children, and Royal Air Force planes have already landed safely at Parhwar a second party from Kabul, consisting of members of twenty families, including the nieces of the French Minister, and relatives of French and German professors and engineers.

Meanwhile, Soviet agents are most energetic in circulating the myth that the British are systematically instigating the Afghan rebellion.—*Reuter.*

Peshawar, Dec. 27.

R.A.F. planes to-day brought 22 women and children from Kabul, namely, the families of the Italian, Turkish, German, Persian, and Indian employees of the Afghan Government.

Also among them was the wife of an American tourist, who is still in Kabul.—*Reuter.*

SOLDIERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

ATTACK CHIEF JUSTICE'S GARDENER.

That the Christmas celebrations were not everywhere of a merry and peaceful character is revealed in a police report issued this morning to the effect that the gardener of Sir Henry Gollan, of 237, The Peak, was sent to Government Civil Hospital on Christmas night with injuries to his face and head.

It might be inferred from the above that the gardener was celebrating Christmas rather wildly, but this is not the truth. He had the misfortune to encounter three drunken soldiers on the Peak Road on the night in question and it is alleged that these three set on him and rendered his condition such as to necessitate his removal to hospital.

Not long after Sir Henry's gardener was attacked a Chinese youth made a report to the Central Police Station to the effect that he also was assaulted by soldiers at Brewin Path. No details of this case are available, excepting that the youth was not badly injured.

The police are of the opinion that possibly the same three soldiers who attacked the gardener on Peak Road were responsible for the assault on the boy in Brewin Path.

LOANS OFFERED TO YUKO-SLAVIA.

DUTCH BANKING CONCERN INTERESTED.

Belgrade, Dec. 26.

It is reported that the Yugo-Slav Minister of Finance has received, through the Foreign Minister from an important bank, an offer of a loan of 65,625,000 Dutch florins.

The conditions have not yet been decided.

The same Bank has offered the Municipality of Belgrade a loan for municipal works.—*Reuter.*

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's Observatory reports states that the anticyclone is central over S.E. Mongolia. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; sea to cloudy.

VILLAGE DOCTOR KIDNAPPED.

CANTON EXTRADITION REQUEST.

PROCEEDINGS OPEN.

Proceedings were commenced before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, for the extradition of a man named Lo Tsai.

One of the clan who inhabit the village of Shek Tan in Kwangtung, the accused is charged with kidnapping the village doctor and holding him for ransom, which is stated to have been paid.

In detailing the case for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that the affair occurred on August 20 of this year.

In the village of Shek Tan, a man named Kan Man, the caretaker of the joss-house, was requested by Lo Tsai, to hand over the keys of the temple and to come round himself the following morning.

Armed Men Seize Temple.

On his arrival, the caretaker found armed men in possession of the temple, and as he left he also saw the village doctor being taken into the place by another man.

From that hour the doctor was not seen again.

The caretaker was induced to keep silence as to what he had seen at the temple, and nothing was known as to what had happened to the doctor until his wife received a letter from a gang of kidnappers demanding money for his ransom.

Ransom Negotiations.

A nephew of the kidnapped man then commenced negotiations, an interview being arranged and carried out the following day, in the neighbouring market town of Yim Po, with a man who gave his name as Loo Kam.

A sum of \$2,000 was demanded by the kidnappers and after \$600 had been offered and refused, the matter dropped.

On October 12, negotiations were resumed and, on a sum of \$1,000 being paid, the kidnapped physician was returned to his family, the kidnappers taking the precaution to blindfold him at the initial stage of his journey home.

Arrest in Hongkong.

Information was recently received that the accused, who was present at the conclusion of the negotiations, had fled to this Colony. He was arrested and identified by the caretaker of the village temple.

Mr. Fitzroy mentioned that at the present moment he had been unable to get the kidnapped man down here. The Crown had been informed by the Canton authorities that he was sick, but it was hoped that he would be available in a day or two, as it had been pointed out to the Chinese authorities that his evidence was very essential to the case. The case was adjourned.

MOTOR SPEED ATTEMPTS.

RENEWAL OF THE STRUGGLE FOR RECORD NEXT YEAR.

There promises to be a renewal early next year of the struggle for the world's land speed record, which is at present held by America.

Major H. O. D. Segrave is leaving England on February 13 in the Maudslayi with his giant car, the "Golden Arrow," which has been built to attain a speed of 240 miles an hour, and Captain Campbell has just returned from an aeroplane tour of the Sahara desert in search of a sand track there.

He discovered a track, over 30 miles in length, dead straight and flat.

He has brought back samples of the surface, which consists of round polished stones of various sizes, to submit to tyre experts, to see whether they can build tyres to stand up to it. The track has the disadvantage of being about 150 miles from the nearest outpost, and about 800 miles north of Timbucou. This would make the expense of taking the car there very great, especially as it would be necessary to establish a large camp on the site.

S. AMERICAN WAR CLOUDS PASS.

PANEL OF NINE JUDGES TO DETERMINE CAUSES.

SIX MONTHS' STUDY.

Washington, Dec. 26.

There appears to be no further question of an outbreak of hostilities between Bolivia and Paraguay, both sides being perfectly willing to submit the problems involved to arbitration. The Pan-American Conference has been giving close consideration to the situation, and are submitting their recommendations to the countries concerned for approval.

A message from Asuncion states that the Government, having assented to arbitration, has decided to demobilise the reserves who were called to the colours.

A Protocol of Conciliation has been adopted by the Pan-American Arbitration Conference Committee, which has been submitted to Bolivia and Paraguay for approval.

It proposes the creation of a panel of nine judges to determine the cause and responsibilities in connexion with the dispute. Two members of the panel will be appointed by each disputant and five by the Arbitration Conference.

The panel will be allowed for at least six months to study the controversy and suggest an amicable means of solution.

It will deal only with the immediate causes of the present dispute and will not touch the larger problem of boundary relations.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SZECHUAN CIVIL STRIFE.

GEN YANG SEN ORDERED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

POSITION OBSCURE.

Nanking, Dec. 26.

A Nationalist Government spokesman attributes the present civil strife in Szechuan to a recent plot and counter-plot by a group of disaffected politicians, militarists and excommunicated Kuomintang extremists, who are said to have deliberately created turmoil to further their own ends.

The Government yesterday issued a peremptory decree ordering General Yang Sen to remain neutral pending further instructions from Nanking.

Szechuan dispatches state that it is most likely that General Liu Hsiang will shortly abandon Chungking, as the troops of the other side, under Lai Hsin-huei, are said to be approaching.

New wireless messages received in Hongkong to-day state that conditions in Chungking are apparently quiet, but the military situation is very obscure. H.M.S. Term arrived at Chungking on Monday from Wanshsien.

A Hankow message states that there were considerable troop movements there on Christmas Day. There is no change in the situation on the Upper Yangtze.

CANTON AVIATOR'S FLIGHT.

"PEARL RIVER" LEAVING FOR CHANGSHA.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

It is understood that the Canton plane, "Pearl River" piloted by Col. Chan Hing-wan, left Hankow on the Christmas Eve for Changsha, Hunan. It will continue its journey from Hunan to Kwangsi and then back to Kwangtung.

Details of the motor collision on the Shaikwan-Stanley Road, reported yesterday, show that the car was driven by Mr. Carl Shank, whilst Mr. Tong was driving the Harley-Davidson motor-cycle and Mr. Leung riding pillion. Both the cyclists were badly hurt and they were conveyed by Mr. Shank's car to the French Hospital.

The discovery of the murdered body of a Chinese in King's Park, at the beginning of the month, was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when two men faced Mr. E. W. Hamilton on the capital charge. Inspector Lane prosecuted and asked for a week's formal remand. The defendants were accordingly remanded till next Thursday.

HOME BOXING DAY FOOTBALL.

MOST XMAS RESULTS REVERSED.

LIVERPOOL'S EIGHT AGAINST BURNLEY.

A CHELSEA DOUBLE.

With the majority of teams playing their third match in five days, yesterday's football at Home provided many surprises. Several defences gave way under the strain, a notable instance being that of Burnley, who after beating Liverpool before their own supporters, on Christmas Day, conceded eight goals yesterday without reply.

Lincoln City scored seven goals against Hartlepool, and Bolton, Sheffield United, Exeter and Chesterfield all found the net six times.

Bolton were the only side in the First Division to gain four points from the holiday matches, but in the Second Division, Chelsea, Middlesbrough and Notts Forest did the trick, while Charlton, Watford, Crewe and Bradford City scored double victories in the Third Divisions.

Astonish Supporters.

Blackpool, who won at Grimsby on Christmas Day could do no better than share the points on their own ground, while South Shields, whose matches were against Ashington had a similar experience.

Notts County lost heavily to Southampton, but retain their leadership of the Second Division, while the first four clubs in the Third Division (South) were all on the losing side.

Reading defeated Tottenham, thus gaining three points from the London club. Reading's advance recently has been somewhat remarkable. After securing six points from their first fourteen games, they have gained 13 from the last eight, winning five and drawing three.

The Christmas Day matches not called yesterday, resulted as follows: Wednesday 4 Manchester City 0 Stockport. 1 Rotherham 0

Both winning teams drew the return matches yesterday.

The Boxing Day results, as cabled by Reuter, are as follows:

Division I.

Arsenal	1	Sunderland	1
Villa	0	Portsmouth	2
Bolton	0	Birmingham	2
Cardiff	2	Leeds	1
Derby	1	Huddersfield	2
Leicester	5	Bury	0
Liverpool	8	Burnley	0
Manchester C.	2	Wednesday	2
Newcastle	1	West Ham	0
Sheffield U.	0	Manchester U.	1

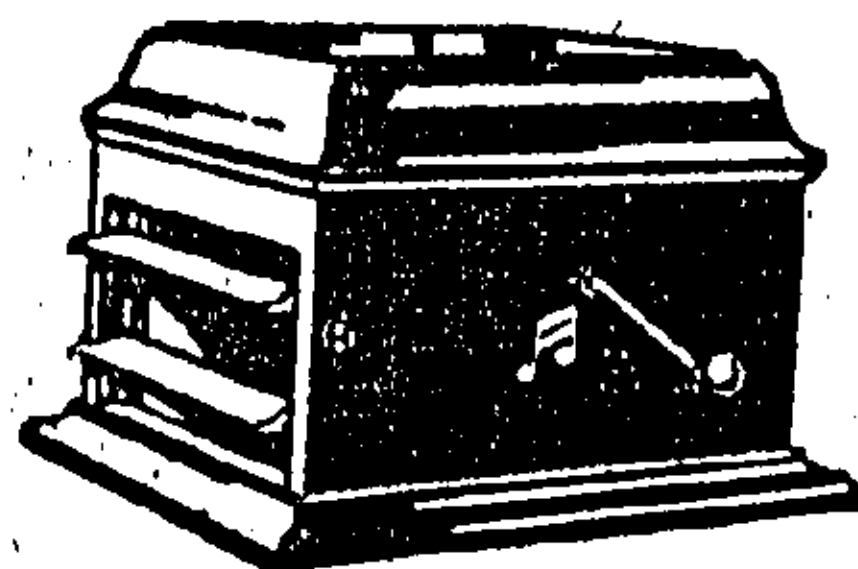
Division II.

Arsenal	1	Sunderland
Villa	3	Portsmouth
Bolton	0	Birmingham
Cardiff	2	Leeds
Derby	1	Huddersfield
Leicester	5	Bury
Liverpool	8	Burnley
Manchester C.	2	Wednesday

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DEATH OF LORD LAMBOURNE.

A WELL-KNOWN ENGLISH
PATRIOT.

London, Dec. 26.
The death has occurred of Lord Lambourne.—*Reuter*.
[Born in 1847, the late Lord Lambourne was educated at Eton; and entered the Coldstream Guards in 1865, retiring in 1883. He was Conservative member for the Epping Division of Essex from 1892 to 1917, and in politics was best known as Sir Mark Lockwood. He was created a Baron in 1917, and entered the upper House as Lord Lambourne. His activities with Freemasonry being particularly notable. He fell very ill nearly four years ago, but recovered after a long bout of bad health. At the time (February, 1925) a writer in a Home paper commented: "All his old friends are grieved to hear of Lord Lambourne's serious illness. The House of Commons has never seemed quite the same place since Sir Mark Lockwood left it to lose himself under an unfamiliar title in the House of Lords. Chairman for some years of the Commons Kitchen Committee, he sometimes dined off gold plate in his own ancestral home, but this did not prevent him giving a grateful, if somewhat critical Legislative Assembly the benefit of a shilling table d'hôte. Something of a dandy, with a heavy cavalry moustache, he used to affect massive buttonholes, which were to Mr. Chamberlain's orchids, what a sunflower is to a humble daisy. He has always been intensely patriotic and thrilled the House with stories of German spies in Epping Forest long before anyone thought of the Great War."]

CAR IN HARBOUR.

AUSTIN SEVEN RUNS OVER
PRAYA WALL.

An owner's over-confidence in brakes resulted in an Austin Seven motorcar falling into the harbour near the Star Ferry Pier, Hongkong, yesterday morning. Fortunately there was no casualty, there being nobody in the car at the time.

From enquiries made it was ascertained that the car was parked on the stand outside the Hongkong Star Ferry Pier by the owner, who, it is understood, is Mr. B. H. Church. It appears that instead of taking the precaution of leaving the car "in gear," the owner merely applied the brake. Shortly after eleven o'clock the brake slipped and the car rolled down the slight incline in the road and dropped into the harbour.

The Kowloon Godown motor car lighter arrived shortly afterwards and with the assistance of the crane on board, the car was hauled up.

INDIA'S FUTURE.

A MAHARAJA'S APPEAL FOR
DOMINION STATUS.

Calcutta, Dec. 26.
The Maharaja of Mahendrabad, president of the All-India Muslim League, opening the session of the League, gave the lead in favour of Dominion status for India as an alternative to complete independence.

He declared that the British connexion gave undeniable security and was a valuable asset in Indian Nationalism, which must face laborious decades before reaching sturdy manhood. Moreover, the Nehru report guaranteed all the requisites of political freedom conferable by independence. He urged Muslims to be broad-minded, and to appoint delegates to participate in the proceedings of all parties to the convention, and accept the Nehru report with modifications.—*Reuter*.

THE LATE MR. W. H. EDLEY.

FUNERAL AT CATHOLIC
CEMETERY.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. H. Edley took place yesterday, the cortege leaving the French Hospital at 4.30 p.m. and passing the Monument at 5 p.m. A large number of friends gathered at the hospital, and were joined by others en route.

The Revd. Father Terruzzi met the cortege at the entrance to the Roman Catholic cemetery, and the usual prayers were read in the chapel, prior to the graveside ceremony. Messrs. Clarke, Ward, Wilson, Pragnell, Agabek and Stewart were the pall bearers. Among those present were Messrs. J. Arnold, T. Arnold, C. J. Clarke, C. F. Pragnell, A. Place, R. M. de Souza, R. C. Wilson, R. H. Stewart, P. Shannon, W. Lane, W. Fearon, P. Lannigan, A. J. Agabek, Jata Singh, Lo Kai Hong and representatives of the wharf staff from Wing Lok Street and Canton Wharves. The principal mourner was Mr. William Victor Edley, the son of deceased.

Floral tributes and wreaths were sent by Victor (son), Messrs. J. Arnold, T. Arnold, G. E. Ellams, W. Ward, G. Buchanan, R. H. Stewart, J. Lowrie, Father Murray, Captain Jenkins, A. Place, R. M. de Souza, P. Pragnell, A. J. Agabek, J. H. Wicheil, A. Harper, R. C. Wilson, Mr. Sanikaton, W. Fearon, G. H. Y. Chue, Captain B. R. Branch, R. A. C. Cooper, Captain and Mrs. Mitchell, Capt. and Mrs. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clarke, R. Shannon, F. Thompson, J. W. Beattie, J. Moss, Cheng and Quin, Messrs. Ah Loy, Yuen Chong, Chow Yan U, Lau Hay, Sam So, Yung Kwai Fun, Chai Ow, Chong Man Sek, Lo Kai Hong, Wong Tai, Lai Kwai, Sze Cho Hong, Mok Choo U. The s.s. Talsan, Captain and Officers s.s. Talsan, s.s. Lungshan, s.s. Sui Tai, s.s. Sui An, s.s. Kinsan, European Revenue Officers, Office Staff of Steamboat Company, Wharf Coolies, Wharf Staff, Coolies at Wing Lok Street, Company Wharf Staff, and shipping representatives of the local Press.

LOCAL WEDDING.

DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS EVE
CEREMONY.

Further details are to hand of the wedding which took place at the Union Church on Monday, December 24, between Mr. Phillip Gillespie of the Prison Department, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie of Buccleuch Terrace, Edinburgh, and Miss Christina Miller Gill, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gill of Jordan Lane, Edinburgh. The bride arrived on the previous day by the s.s. Kalyan from Home.

The bride was given away by Mr. C. A. Grimes, the best man being Mr. R. G. Robertson and the matron of honour, Mrs. U. A. Grimes. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Young, with a full choral service, Mr. Longyear being the organist.

The bride was tastefully attired in white satin, with veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of roses and chrysanthemums, her maids, the Misses Pearl and Pauline Buchanan, wearing pale blue taffeta with bouquets of pink roses. The matron of honour wore a beige lace and georgette frock and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums.

Subsequent to the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grimes at 123 Wanching Road, from which place the bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon in Mexico, the going-away dress being of white silk crepe, with fawn coat and hat, and stockings and shoes to match.

Presents from the friends and comrades of the groom in all Government departments, and others from Home brought by the bride, were both numerous and costly.

HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

VIGOROUS METHODS ADOPTED
IN CANTON.

In view of the fact that many patients are coming from Hongkong for medical treatment here, Dr. Ho Chi-cheung, head of the Bureau of Public Health, recently introduced restrictions upon the coming of such patients so as to prevent communicable diseases being brought to Canton, says the Canton Gazette. In recent weeks, the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Tung Wah Hospital there have repeatedly approached Dr. Ho for the revision of these restrictions but the Bureau has not felt constrained to accede to such requests.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Ho has caused special vigilance to be maintained upon incoming travellers by the Canton-Kowloon Railway and has detailed inspectors to the railway terminal at this end to see to it that all persons affected by infectious diseases are sent back whence they came from. Inspectors are also to keep a watch upon waterborne passengers, the same procedure to be enforced when discovery is made of diseased people attempting to land.

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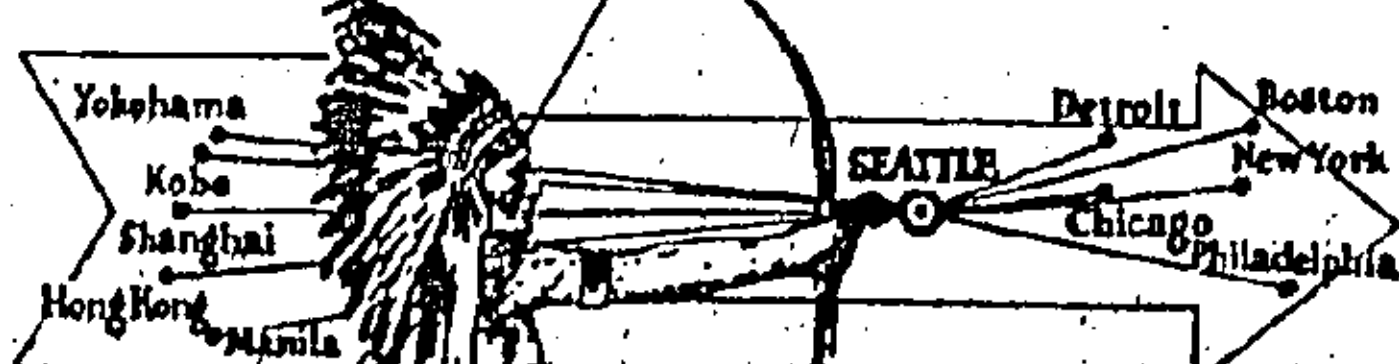
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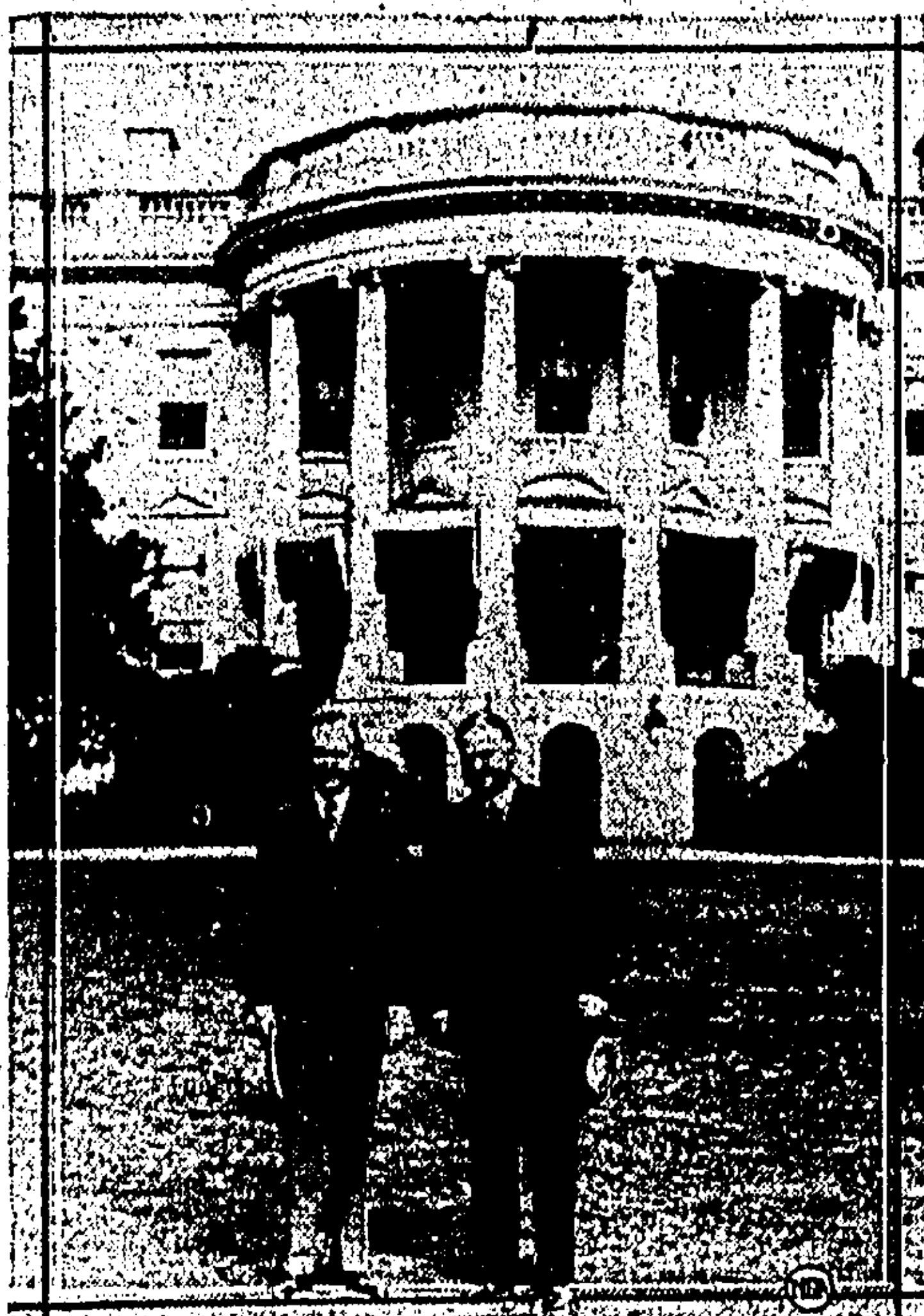


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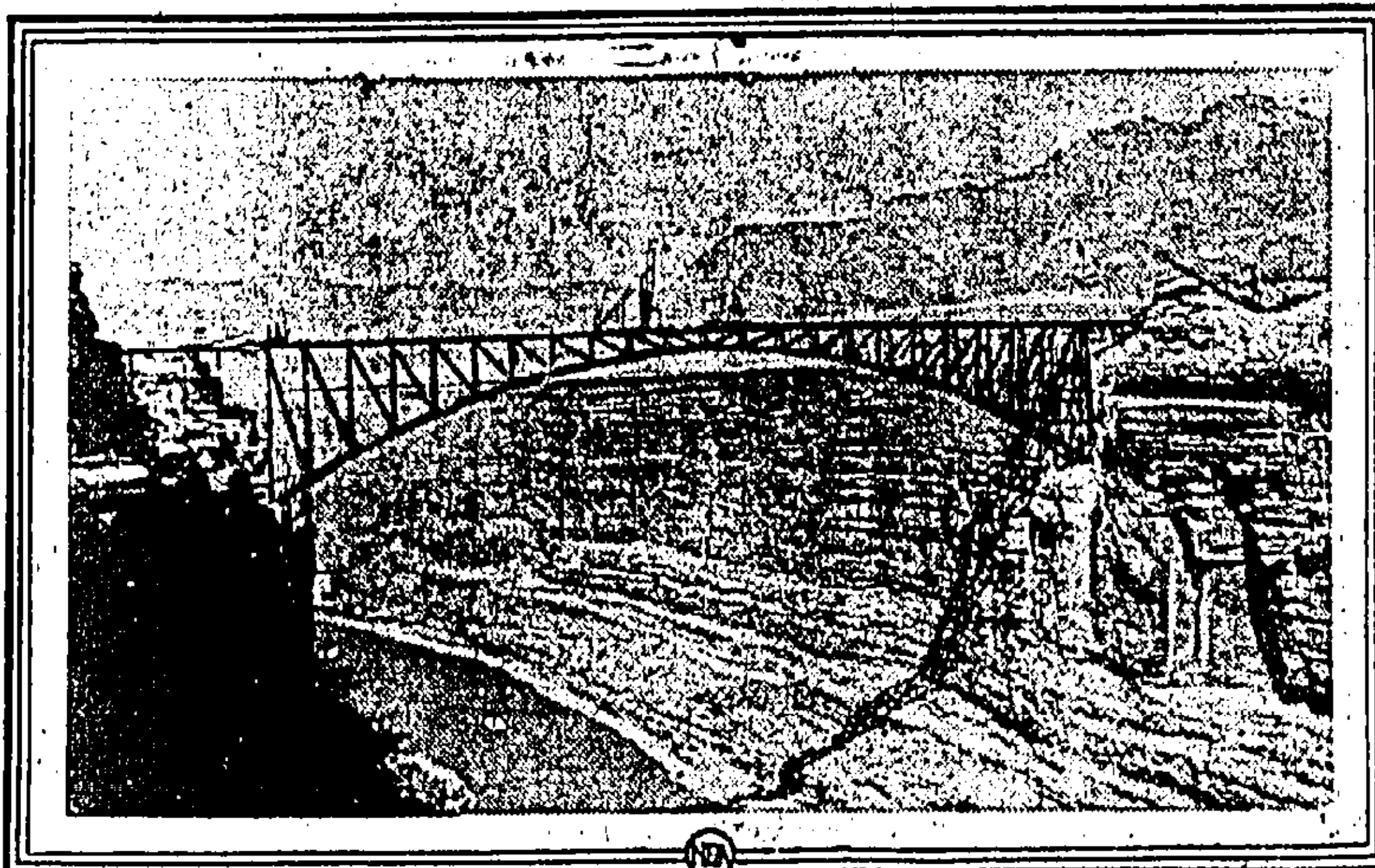
The meal shown in progress tasted particularly good to Mr. Robert Keeler, the Misses Minna and Anna Ransperger and Mr. John H. Dompator, University of California students, for it was their first in six days. The four were isolated in the Lake county wilds by a snowstorm, and aeroplanes were used in the rescue search.



The President and President-Elect of the United States, Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover, posed together when the result of the election was known.



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Our picture shows the completed construction of the first highway bridge over the great gorge of the Colorado river. The bridge, some 70 miles by air or 140 miles by road northeast of El Tevar and the Grand Canyon station, is pictured above.



Our picture shows the end of recent air exploit, Capt. C. B. D. Collyer and Mr. Harry Tucker flying from New York to Los Angeles in 25 hours. Subsequently both were killed in the same machine.



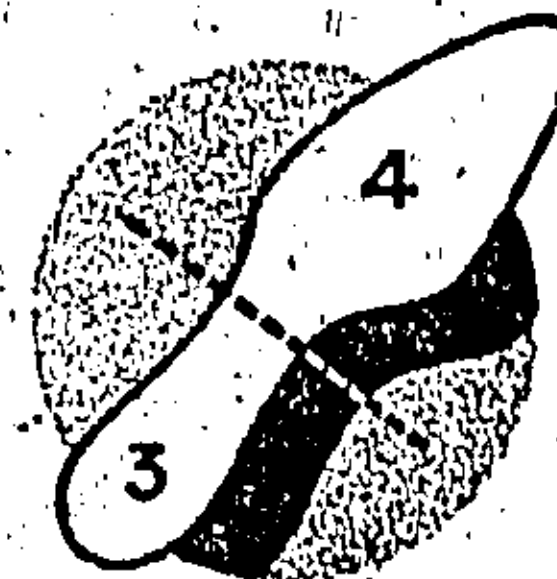
Dreamland Kisses in "The Siren," a film which may be shown in Hongkong shortly.



Clarence Terhune, the Graf Zeppelin stowaway, who is back in U. S. A.



A group of members of the Shanghai International Country Club who gathered at the opening dance of the season.



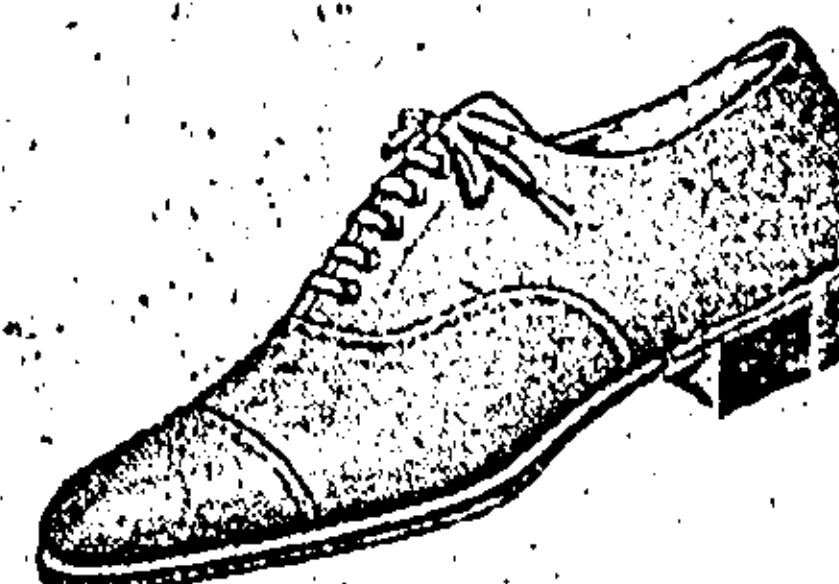
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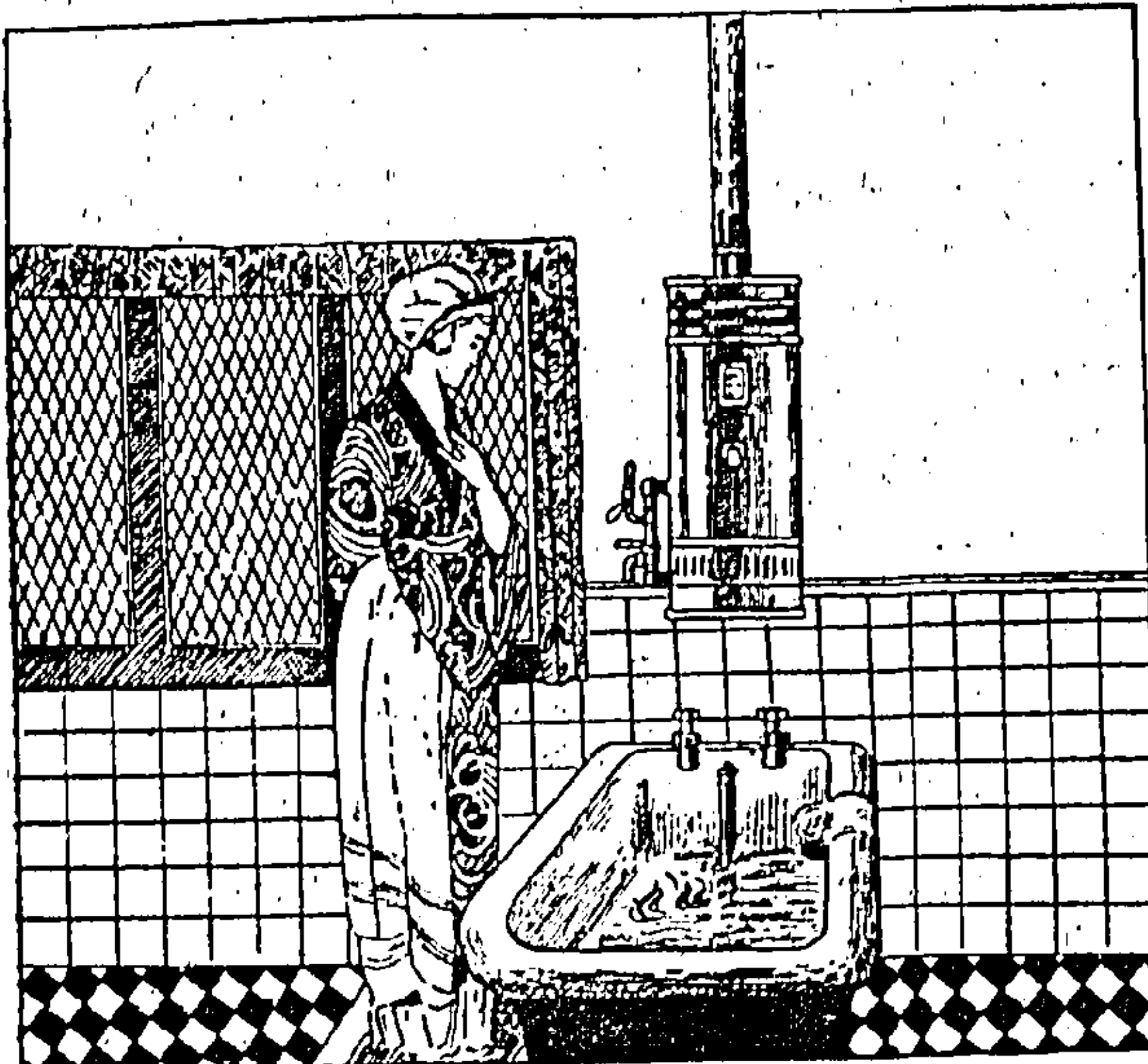


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Feed Your Nerves.

[By a Doctor.]

"I pass as free from nervous symptoms less than 50 per cent. of my subjects"—a recent pronouncement by Dr. M. Culpin, lecturer on psychoneurosis at the London Hospital.

There is a haunting terror among women of all ages to-day that they are growing too fat.

The nervous jumping at all kinds of faddy diets and remedies, the worrying at each imaginary symptom, the irritability caused partly by ill-directed exercises and partly by silly kinds of starvation all conspire to exhaust nervous energy.

In fact, in hundreds of cases where otherwise healthy clear-headed young people get the fear of growing fat into their minds and take to what they call "banting," what they ought to do is not to starve their fat but to feed their nerves.

Those Little Worries.

There is a large class of neuroathetic people who suffer from nervous indigestion. You can't call it a disease, it is rather a symptom of general nerve disorder. It has certain definite peculiarities which enable a doctor to detect it, but they are too technical to write about here; at any rate, this kind of dyspepsia exists and is very difficult to deal with, especially when the nerves need feeding up.

Most people know how a sudden shock can take away one's appetite. In much the same way worries or brooding, or even too much work, may upset the digestion, so much so that nervous people often find themselves unable to eat shell fish or cucumber, or even eggs, without discomfort.

The general rule for a nervous patient to follow is to eat as great a variety of food as possible, always avoiding anything which he knows will cause him uneasiness.

Variety the Solution.

Variety is the main object. Keep aiming at it. The result will

be that the nerves will be nourished and will get a chance. If one obeys the laws of health in a general way one is far more likely to keep active and slim than by starving the nerves and letting them lose control of the physiological activities of the body.

There are certain kinds of food that are of special value to the nerves. Sugar is one of them. It has the power of forming fat, no doubt, but there is no special reason why it should do so, if it finds other work to do.

Milk is another splendid nerve food. Unfortunately, it is not always digestible. This can be corrected by mixing it with a little soda water or, even more perfectly, by adding sodium citrate to the extent of one grain to each ounce of milk.

But avoid monotony. Do not eat too much of any single article. Above all, refrain from drawing out a long list of foods that you must not eat. Such a list will make you very unpopular in the kitchen and will help to fray other people's nerves besides your own. Get your nerves right first, and the horror of obesity will soon let you alone.



A new version of the sailor collar, of lace with a pleated border, ties in front with a bow.

Notebook Cases.

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Tiny felt cases to cover the little notebooks that many housewives use for shopping lists are easily made from felt.

Measure your note book, and allow about one inch extra on the length and width.

Mark tiny circles all round the edges, and cut out with sharp scissors. This is really called "Pinking."

Now fold the felt case in two to find the middle. Cut a narrow strip of felt about 1/4 inch wide, and sew firmly to the top and bottom of the case. This is to hold the notebook.

Measure half an inch from the edge and draw a thin line all round the felt. Make another line 1/4 inch from the first one. Now tack along the lines with gold thread, making the stitches about 1/4 inch apart. Repeat on the second line. Then make cross-stitches in gold thread in the spaces. Cut little flowers out of the felt, and stitch in one corner.

Now slip the notebook inside, and your case is complete.

To-day.

We do not know what waits for us
Beyond this hour's own gift,
What purposes a chance may check,
What treasure time may sift.

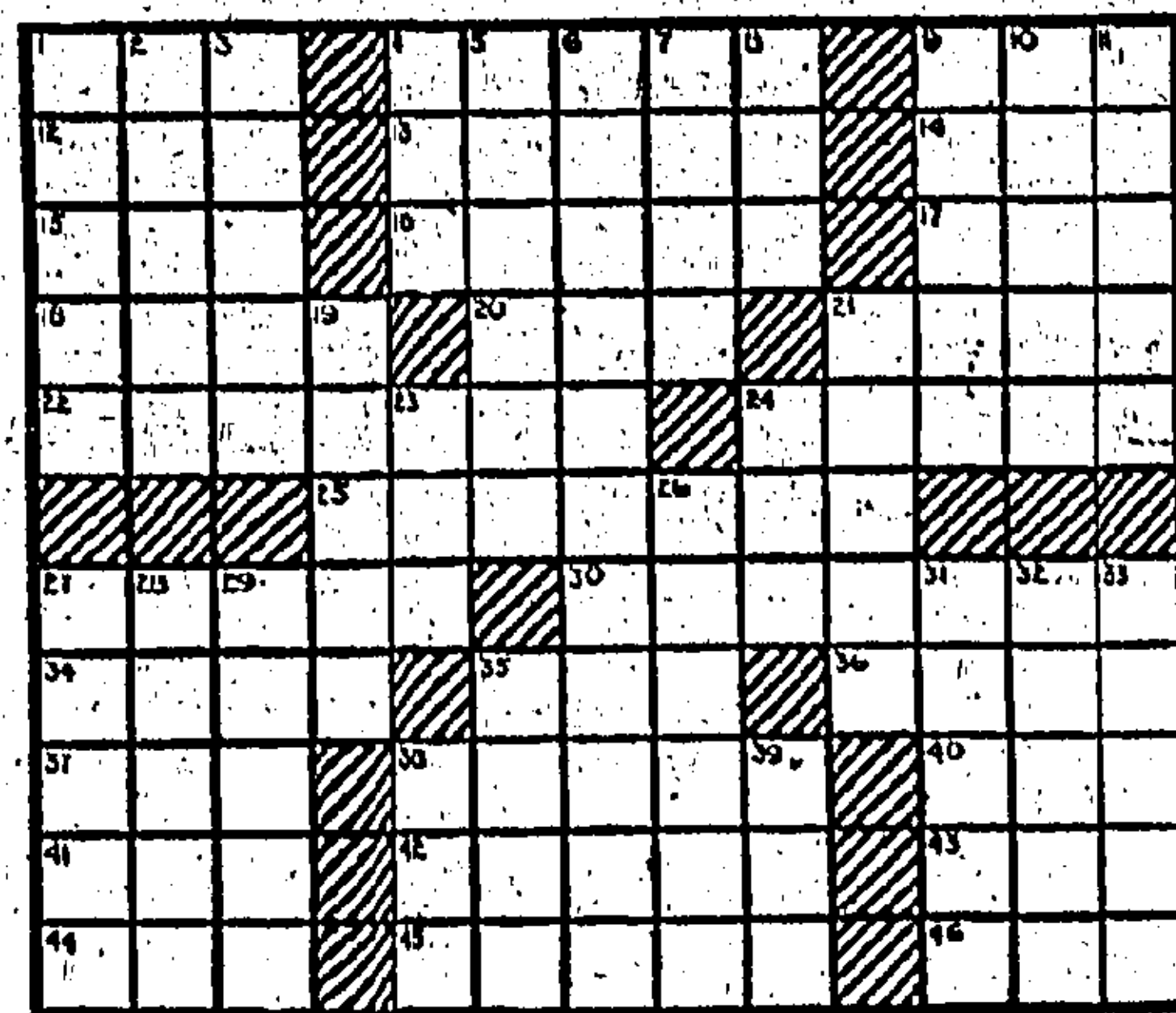
We have no power beyond the hour
To make each other glad,
But memory can store for us
The happiness we had.

We cannot tell what promises
The years may sweep away,
What impulse perish as they pass;

My dear, be kind to-day.

THELMA COOMBE.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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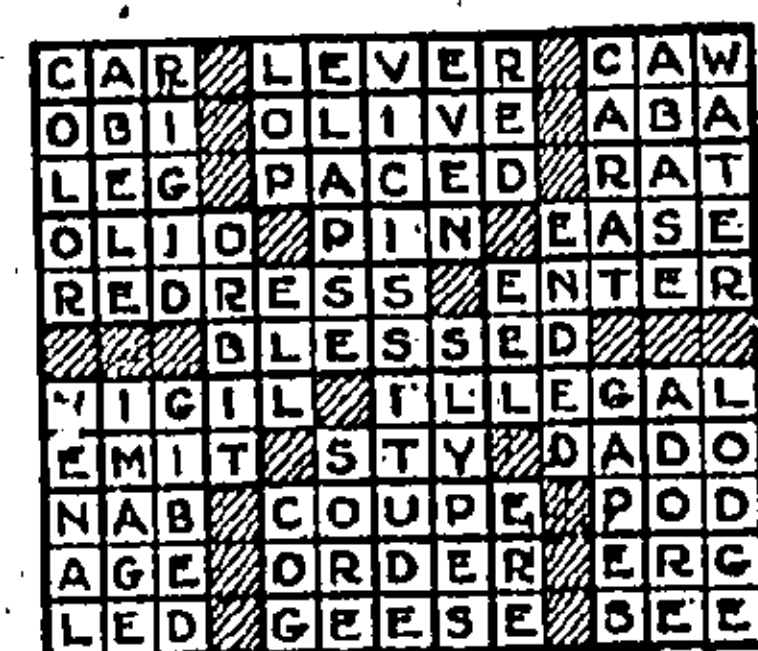
- 1 Possession.
- 4 Nimble.
- 9 Cry of a raven.
- 12 The whole number of.
- 13 Freney.
- 14 Constellation.
- 15 Neck scarf.
- 16 Star-shaped flower.
- 17 Wand.
- 18 Opposite of odd.
- 20 Fowl.
- 21 Identical.
- 22 A deponent.
- 24 Perfume obtained from flowers.
- 25 Wasp.
- 27 Person having leprosy.
- 30 Oppressive.
- 34 Flag lily.
- 35 Prophet who trained Samuel.
- 36 Portion of a church.
- 37 Soft bloom.
- 38 To babble.
- 40 Ocean.
- 41 Small fresh-water fish.
- 42 To come in.
- 43 Soft hat.
- 44 To scatter as hay.
- 45 Swimming birds.
- 46 Sneaky.

Vertical

- 1 Detested.
- 2 Swarming.
- 3 To slumber.
- 4 Eucharist vessel.
- 5 Long cuts.

- 6 To insert.
- 7 A legal claim.
- 8 Organ of hearing.
- 9 Four grains.
- 10 Fragrant odour.
- 11 Sandpiper.
- 12 Protuberances.
- 21 Strict.
- 23 Masculine title of courtesy.
- 24 Devoured.
- 25 Causes to adhere.
- 27 Boundary.
- 28 To corrode.
- 29 Conveyed by means of pipes.
- 31 Kill.
- 32 Pertaining to the pigmented coat of the iris.
- 33 Shady of disreputable.
- 35 Sea eagle.
- 38 Pin.
- 39 Before.

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AND LOOK, BETTY! WE'LL BE PASSING THE STATUE OF LIBERTY IN A FEW MINUTES!! I'VE READ ABOUT THAT—ISN'T IT BIG TADGUS!!

JUST WAIT TILL YOU MEET MY BROTHER, TAG—AND OESIE AND ALEX AND SLIM, AND ALL THE REST OF THE BUNCH—THEY'RE ALL DANDY FELLAS! IT'LL BE WONDERFUL TO KNOW THEM—AND I'M SURE TILL LIKE EVERYONE OF THEM REAL WELL!

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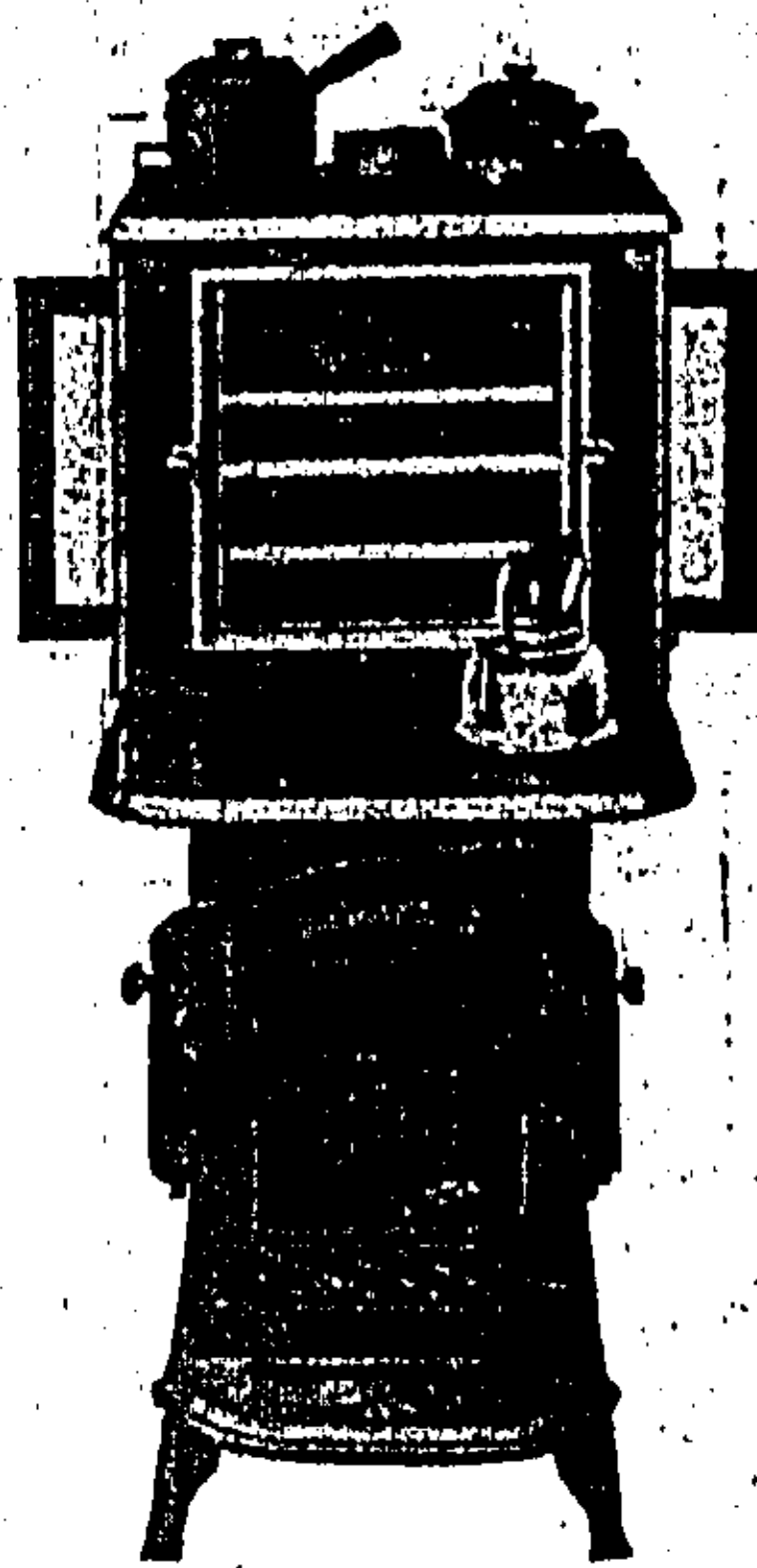
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CANTON ALERT.

That a spirit of progressive enterprise continues to animate those in charge of affairs in Canton is indicated in a number of news items showing that the Provincial administration which has its headquarters there is fully alive to the necessity of keeping pace with the times. In handing over the reins of government to General Chan Ming-shu, Marshal Li Chai-sum has bequeathed him a useful legacy of things accomplished and of beneficial schemes upon which a commencement has been made. It is clear from what we read that Canton is still desirous of maintaining a close connexion with Hongkong, and in this regard attention may be drawn to the success of Marshal Li Chai-sum in the restoration of the value of the note issue of the Central Bank, which, it is reported, is to be followed up by the establishment of a branch of the Bank in Hongkong. Then we have the scheme for the provision of a long-distance telephone service throughout the province, in which connexion it is intended to make a beginning with a link between Canton and Hongkong as an experiment. Another matter to which the Canton Government is devoting much attention is the encouragement of aviation, and latest reports of developments in this direction speak of the intention of providing a new aerodrome and flying field, the cost of which will probably come to a lakh of dollars. Here again there is every prospect of happy co-operation between Canton and Hongkong, to the mutual benefit of both centres.

Numerous other enterprises could be cited to show that the Canton authorities are bent on moving forward, this being particularly true in regard to the big schemes of road construction which are being pushed on with and which in course of time will prove of the utmost value in bringing increased prosperity to the people by the provision of better means of communication. We notice, too, that the Commissioner of Reconstruction is anxious that steps be taken to prevent the Chinese merchant marine from further deterioration and he suggests that a special study should

be made of world shipping in order to give China a position in this sphere which should rightly be hers. When we bear in mind that the Chinese have a considerable natural aptitude for seaman-ship and think of the progress which Japan has made in matters maritime, there is every reason why serious attention should be given to this question. Although the time is yet far ahead when Chinese shipping will be able to cope even with the coastwise trade, it is to be expected that as time goes on there will be a gradual change in present conditions, with the resultant more frequent appearance of the Chinese flag on routes now almost wholly served by foreign interests. But developments in this direction must necessarily be slow.

Coupled with all these developments, there is growing call for men with modern ideas to serve China. It is interesting to note, on this point, that the Canton Commissioner for Reconstruction has put forward a proposal that a hundred more students be selected for training in special subjects in Europe and the United States, these to be required to enter Government service on the completion of their studies. It is rightly felt that if progress is to be made, more specialists will be required; as the number of available young men with modern knowledge is still insufficient. Hongkong watches with keen interest and sympathy the efforts which Canton is making in the many tasks being taken up, sincerely hoping that the era of progress and advancement now begun may long continue.

Miners' Distress.

From a subject of party bickering, the distress in the mining areas of Britain has developed into a grave national problem. Over a million persons dependent on the coal industry for their subsistence, are on the verge of starvation unless definite measures are taken to afford relief. The Prince of Wales is throwing himself wholeheartedly into their cause and his Christmas Day appeal over the wireless will surely strike a responsive chord in many hearts. His Royal Highness, we are glad to say, did not content himself with asking for subscriptions to the Lord Mayor's Fund, but urged upon his unseen hearers the rendering of a greater service where possible, that of finding employment for as many of the men as possible. The best that charity can do is to render the situation less acute temporarily. The final solution of the miners' difficulties can only be found in the provision of work. It is stated that the coal industry can never support them again, but we are not so sure. We feel, on the contrary, that if the colliery owners devoted their attention seriously to reconstructive measures which have been necessary for many years, these could be applied in time to avert worse disasters, and lead gradually to restoration. The fact that substantial help is to be derived in the New Year from the accelerated de-rating proposals, is rather alarming from one point of view; the acceptance of this assistance may once again divert attention from essential efforts for re-organisation. If this happens we fear the relief will be no more effective than was the Government subsidy of 1925. A well-informed writer on this subject says that the hopeful feature is the realisation by an influential section of the owners and managers that much more vigorous action is necessary. The persistent effort to improve and co-ordinate the district schemes in spite of apathy or definite obstruction; the reconstruction purpose behind such amalgamation schemes as the one just brought to fruition in Lancashire; and the isolated, but important, moves for the better use of coal and its products are due mainly to the efforts of this far-seeing section. The fateful question is whether they can carry the whole industry with them in time.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE ARE TWO FREEDOMS—THE FALSE WHERE A MAN IS FREE TO DO WHAT HE LIKES; THE TRUE, WHERE A MAN IS FREE TO DO WHAT HE OUGHT.—Charles Kingsley.

The transport Neurath arrived at Shanghai yesterday from Hongkong.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on the 23rd December at 9 a.m.

Entries for the Hongkong Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament close at noon on January 19th. Forms may be obtained at the pavilion.

A Notice to Mariners, issued by the Harbour Department under today's date on the authority of the master of the s.s. Bintang, states that a whistling buoy, adrift, has been sighted in Latitude 16.47 N., Longitude 109.07 E.

The Racers Amateur Players will present "What Happened to Jones," a farce in three acts, at the Star Theatre on January 8 and 10. Booking will open at Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd., and the Star Theatre on December 29.

H.M.S. Cumberland will leave Hongkong on a southern cruise at five o'clock to-morrow evening and will visit Tourane, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Malacca, and Saigon. The cruiser is due here again on February 14.

The Gilbert & Sullivan Concert which was postponed will take place at the Helena May on Thursday 3rd January at 6.30 p.m. Seats must be booked in advance. A Season Ticket for members only may be had at \$2 for the following seven concerts.—Advt.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 11 arrivals and 14 departures, British holding top place with six and five respectively. Tonnage was only fair and freights were below the average, Japanese recording the highest inwards and German the best of the throughs. The six nationalities in the complete return all recorded arrivals and departures, leaving 56 vessels in port, of which 29 were British.

The Nanyang Si Pao, a well established Chinese daily paper in Penang, has been suspended by Government for three months on account, it is believed, of endeavouring to promote anti-Japanese feeling. It is understood that the publishers have been warned on several occasions in respect of articles published tending to promote anti-Japanese feelings, and as no heed has been taken, Government has considered action necessary.

The Rangoon Times illustrated Christmas Number, just to hand, is a really bumper issue and can be described as the best which this journal has ever produced. It is free-ly illustrated and contains numerous articles of a light and humorous character, as well as several which are most informative. A feature is made of four beautiful coloured plates from Mr. S. Williams' collection of Eastern paintings by B. H. Wiles. These are finely printed and well worth framing. The volume sells at two rupees.

At the foundation stone laying of the new Cathedral School in Shanghai, reference made to the appointment of the Rev. E. K. Quick as Headmaster. Addressing the gathering Mr. Edney Page, senior trustee, said:—Mr. Quick is a man of considerable home experience and also has a knowledge of the Eastern, being at present at St. Stephen's College, Hongkong. He is known in Shanghai, as having twice come up with the Hongkong Cricket team, and his love of sport will be a sure recommendation to British boys.

MOTING RISKS.

COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

The text of a Bill to make it compulsory for owners of motor vehicles to insure against third party risks has been published. The Bill has been introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Wardlaw Milne, and is backed by Sir Herbert Nield and other members.

The purpose of the Bill is to ensure that no licence for a motor-car shall be issued unless the applicant can produce an insurance policy issued by an insurance company approved by the Ministry of Transport. It does not, however, cover the case of a car being driven for a purpose unauthorised by the owner, and does not strike at the root of the matter. It is important that the driver, and not merely the owner, of a car is insured against third party risks. It should be necessary to be covered against third party risks before obtaining a driving licence, as many people drive cars who never own one.

PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

There was a large attendance of guests at a pretty Chinese wedding which took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral between Mr. S. Q. Phoon, of Hongkong University, and Miss Lucy K. S. Ng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Tin-sang. The bridegroom, Mr. S. Q. Phoon, is the son of the late Mr. Phoon, and Mrs. Phoon Syc-leong and brother of Dr. S. F. Phoon who was married on Saturday last.

The Dean of St. John's Cathedral (the Very Rev. A. Swann) officiated.

The bride wore a very lovely dress of white satin embroidered with pearls, a pearl head-dress and tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

A well attended reception was afterwards held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

The Dean in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

One of the first Captain Superintendents of Police was an Army officer?

This was Captain Haly, of the 41st Madras Native Infantry, who was appointed in February, 1844.

In the following month, he was relieved by Captain Bruce, of the 18th Regiment, Royal Irish, as Captain Haly's services were required by his regiment.

said how very pleased they were to welcome Chinese people to the Cathedral. Personally he was very grateful for the honour of an invitation to this wedding and it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose this toast. "He always enjoyed Chinese weddings. In the first place he had the greatest admiration for the decorous manner in which the whole function was conducted, and secondly the beauty of the Chinese dresses made him very much envy those who were able to wear them."

The bridegroom suitably responded and thanked the Dean for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the guests for their presence.

USED AMBULANCE FOR SMUGGLING.

NAVAL YARD COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.

Two ingenious methods employed by coolies to smuggle Government property out of the Naval Yard were revealed this morning when the police prosecuted a Chinese for the theft of a large quantity of brass rivets and filings and also a quantity of lead. Alternatively, the man was charged with receiving stolen property.

A Chinese detective spoke to seeing the defendant in Connaught Road West. He was carrying a small sack which appeared to be very heavy for its size. He asked the carrier what it contained and when told that it was rice, demanded to see the contents.

The contents being brass rivets and filings, the detective took the coolie to the Central Police Station. On the way, the coolie explained that he found the contents of the sack in the hollow of a bamboo which he had picked up in the street. He took the detective to his house where he produced a bamboo six feet long which was hollowed out.

Enquiries were then set afoot by the police and the filings, etc., were traced to the Naval Yard, after which it was discovered that the arrested man had once been employed in the Naval Yard as a hospital coolie. While in that capacity, it seemed that the defendant had used the ambulance as an aid to his smuggling. Pieces of lead were placed on the top of the hood of the ambulance and defendant would retrieve these on leaving the yard. This information came from the defendant himself in a statement which he made to the authorities.

After hearing the evidence, Major C. Willson, who heard the case, imposed a sentence of three weeks' hard labour on the charge of receiving.

In the year ended March 31 there were 4,705,842,932 passenger journeys on British tramways, 5.61 per cent. more than the previous year, says the Ministry of Transport.

The Very Idea!

"In nine thousand London homes recently much is the paper that has been wasted, and many the tempers that have been frayed, because father has been unable to work an arithmetical problem which eleven-year-old Fred was expected to solve in seven minutes, on the occasion of the junior county scholarship examination. Even those expert arithmeticians who can instantly calculate money due to them when 'doubles' at intricate odds are successful have confessed failure."

"Perhaps your readers," writes a correspondent, "could do better. So here's the poser:

"Tom cycles from home to a factory each morning at 10 m.p.h., and regularly passes his father, who walks from home to the factory at 4 m.p.h. at the same spot, which is 1/4 mile from the factory gates. One day Tom was detained on the road by a friend, and reached the gates at the same time as his father. For how many minutes was Tom delayed?"

"May I add that my own solution of 2 1/4 minutes is given with all reservation?"

[Hats in contrasting colours are now the vogue.]

When Phyllis selected her latest new hat

She was zealously careful to see

"Twas fashioned in fairs that contrasted, for that,

She knew, was le dernier cri.

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With jealousy green

"While making the others "see red."

A university degree is no proof whatever of all that we should mean by education.—The Archbishop of York.

I suppose that Jeremiah was not invariably right in his denunciations.—Canon J. O. Hannay.

The Italian Press is the freest in the whole world.—Sgr. Muscolini.

Shrewdness is not exactly a Christian virtue.—The Rev. Bertram Smith.

Travel is the most effective means of securing a proper distribution of the qualities of humility and pride.—Sir Josiah Stamp.

England needs a Press agent more than anything else.—Sir H. W. Thornton.

Perhaps with our multicellular Empire we may be called more than ever to be the consultant constitutional engineers of mankind.—Sir Geoffrey Butler.

The following incident is told regarding a visit of a prominent Scotsman to America.

Lord Blank was being shown a large skyscraper.

"Do you know that this skyscraper is 25 storeys high?" asked his American host.

"Really?"

"You can see the Hudson River from the top storey."

"Marvelous!"

"And the building is made throughout with imperishable material."

Lord Blank's sardonic conclusion to the description was—

"What a pity!"

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court: Can a money-lender lend money without interest and still be a money-lender? I think not.

Counsel at Westminster County Court referred to a "surgical spirit" as too strong, being undiluted.—Judge Turner: In these prohibition days it must be the only stuff not diluted.

Prisoner at Willesden: The policeman said to me, "Garn! Get out of it."—Mr. W. B. Luke, the magistrate: The officer has the Irish name of Kelly and speaks with a pronounced Scottish accent, so I cannot think he would have used that Cockney expression.

Witness in a collision case at Shoreditch County Court: I said to him, "What do you mean by coming along like that?"—Judge Cluer: Dear me. The language of the streets is becoming quite simple and purified.

Mr. Grossmith relates this story concerning a visit he paid to the late Cardinal, Gibbons, in Baltimore, when touring in America in a musical comedy.

The Cardinal received him graciously, and recalled that while he was staying in London with the Duke of Norfolk he had met several famous English actors. "I remember," said his Eminence, "Henry Irving, who was playing in 'Hamlet,' and Berbohm, Trau, who, I think, was then acting in Shakespeare's 'Richard III.' And what, my son, he continued, "are you acting in now?"

Mr. Grossmith swallowed hard, blushed all over, and replied in a hoarse whisper, "Fluffy Wuffles, your Eminence."

KOWLOON TONG DOG-OWNERS.**SUGGESTED PERSECUTION BY INDIAN CONSTABLES.****INTERESTING CASES.**

The suggestion that residents of Kowloon Tong who declined to subscribe to a certain Indian Watchmen's Association were seemingly being persecuted by Indian constables of the Police Force was made by a dog-owner before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The occupier of No. 130, Kowloon Tong was charged with keeping a dog without a licence and with allowing the animal to be abroad without a muzzle.

His Worship remarked that there seemed to be rather an epidemic of this in Kowloon Tong. The defendant produced a licence for his dog and denied that the animal was in the highway. He said that it was in the garden.

When queried about the licence which was produced, the Indian constable who appeared as the complainant, said that it was not for having no licence that the charge was brought. The summons referred to the absence of the number plate on the dog's collar.

Summons Dismissed.

His Worship pointed out that the charge stated definitely that the dog had no licence. The summons was dismissed.

Giving evidence on the second charge, the constable said that the dog was outside the garden. It ran into the house through a gate from an alleyway. The defendant called his gardener, who stated that the dog was in the garden, having just had a bath.

Remarking that there seemed a conflict of testimony, his Worship also dismissed the second charge. He pointed out the carelessness of the constable for summoning defendant for keeping a dog without a licence.

"A Bit Casual."

His Worship also said that as far as he could see the dog need not have a collar on if it were inside the garden. He said that it was possible the dog had been outside and that the gardener had stated it was in the garden to cover up the offence. The constable, however, had been a bit casual.

When the occupier of No. 142, Kowloon Tong was charged with similar offences, a plea of guilty was returned on the charge of having no licence but, on the second count, the defendant said that the dog was in the garden.

After the constable, the same officer as in the previous case, had given evidence, the defendant was about to question him in connexion with a certain Indian Watchmen's Association when his Worship asked what that had to do with the case.

Singled Out?

The defendant replied that it was a peculiar fact that residents of Kowloon Tong who did not subscribe to the Association were being singled out for summonses.

The constable, however, denied all knowledge of the Association. Sergeant Cordeux informed his Worship that he had received information of the allegation and would make enquiries into the matter.

An amah was called by the defendant and on the servant stating that the dog was inside the garden, his Worship dismissed the summons.

A fine of \$4 was imposed on the first charge.

Honest Defendant.

A third householder was charged with permitting his dog to be abroad without a muzzle, and, on pleading guilty, was fined \$4.

His Worship remarked that it was very honest of the defendant to admit the charge, as he had a chance of getting away with it.

His Worship:—Do you keep an Indian watchman?

Defendant:—No, but I subscribe towards the costs of the watchmen of Kowloon Tong.

Several other cases from Kowloon Tong were mentioned, the defendants, on admitting the charges, being each fined \$4.

Answering his counsel at Stratford Police Court, a defendant said: "I did not insult him. I only said, as I might say to you, 'You are no good!'"

Two men, who escaped under cover of dusk from Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, last month were seen in the moon-light three days later and recaptured.

STRAYING PONY IN KOWLOON.**DANGER TO CHILDREN AT THE PLAYGROUND.****OWNER SUMMONED.**

Mr. A. E. Greenway, of No. 2, Pratt Buildings, Kowloon, was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton to-day for turning a pony loose in Chatham Road on the morning of December 9.

His Worship asked the defendant if he were guilty and received the reply that the animal had broken loose.

Addressing Sergeant Ellis, his Worship said that the prosecution would have to prove that the pony was "turned loose" or that it was due to the negligence of Mr. Greenway that it was on the roadway.

Sergeant Ellis replied that he was unable to prove that the pony had been turned loose, as it was only seen straying in Chatham Road.

Wrong Section?

Unless he could prove that the pony was habitually in the roadway, or that Mr. Greenway had turned it loose, his Worship remarked that the case did not come under the section on which the charge was based.

An Indian constable gave evidence of seeing the pony in Chatham Road on December 9 and of taking it to the Station. He said that he also saw it there on the 7th and 8th.

His Worship:—Were you in point of fact sent there to catch it?

Witness:—I was told by European ladies who were taking their children to the playground. Had you definite orders when you went on patrol about this particular pony?—No.

His Worship remarked that he gathered the police had received complaints that the pony was loose.

Difficult Pony.

Sergeant Ellis:—That's right, your Worship.

The defendant, making a statement, admitted that the pony was loose and said that it was a difficult pony to keep tied up.

His Worship:—Well apparently it got out several times. What are you going to do about it?

Defendant:—I am not having it back any more.

Have you got rid of it?—Yes, to Fanning.

The reason the police object, as you know yourself, is that it's thoroughly dangerous to have a pony loose especially around the children's playground?—Yes.

His Worship (to Sergeant Ellis):—I am not sure I can find the summons proved. I suppose what you want has come about, as Mr. Greenway has got rid of the pony.

The summons was dismissed.

"7th HEAVEN."**A REMARKABLE FILM TO-DAY AT WORLD.**

Although not a war picture in the usual meaning of the term, "7th Heaven," the big film which will be screened from to-day to Saturday at the World Theatre, presents some remarkably fine war scenes as a background to the story. These scenes, in the opinion of many people who have seen the film, are as good as any yet shown on the screen, if indeed they are not the best. Certainly the dash of the Paris taxis to the battle line to save the city from the enemy's advancing hordes is a wonderful piece of realism.

Criticism may be offered that this or that technical detail may not be correct, but the general effect can only be described as magnificent. "7th Heaven" is a splendid film, with a story that stirs the heart and fires the imagination. The acting of the two stars, Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, as the little waif of the Paris streets and "the very remarkable fellow" who works in the city sewers, holds one fascinated. Altogether "7th Heaven" is one of those pictures which every one of movie fan or not should make a point of seeing. Owing to its exceptional length, "7th Heaven" will be shown at special times commencing promptly at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m. The picture will be shown until Saturday.

A suggestion that a musical festival should mark the completion on May 2 of the L.C.C.'s 25 years' administration of education is to be considered.

Believed to be the largest in the world, the Japanese destroyer Uranami, which has greater power than a light cruiser has been launched at Sasebo.

MORE KUOMINTANG UNREST.**EXTREMIST ELEMENTS NOW GETTING ACTIVE.****PEKING AGITATION.**

Peking, Dec. 26. Strong protests against a Nanking order for the reorganisation of the Peking District and City Kuomintang, and the appointment of new officials, displayed itself at a meeting here of members of the Kuomintang departments.

The gathering took a bold step by addressing a telegram denouncing the Kuomintang Moderate leaders, Wu Han-min, Tai Chi tao and Chan Ko-fu.

It is further stated that the discontented Peking Kuomintang members, most of whom are alleged to be "Leftists," are blaming the three Nanking leaders, saying that the latter control the Central Government administration.

The cable concludes by urging a reorganisation not of the Peking Kuomintang, but of the Nanking Central Government, with a view to expelling the present Moderate rulers and welcoming home the exiled extremists like Wang Ching-wei.

To ingratiate and support their political leaders a number of "Leftist" Labour Unions held a similar meeting, urging the return of the Kuomintang extremists.

Peking observers and Chinese press comments state that the movement presages a Kuomintang extremist campaign working for the restoration to power of Wang Chung-wei and other "Leftists" before the opening on March 15, of the Third Kuomintang National Congress.

It is understood that Moderate Kuomintang leaders in Peking, including Messrs. Chang Chi, Chairman of the Peking Branch Political Council, and Mr. Li Shih-tung have reported the agitation to Nanking.

Peking and Tientsin Moderate militarists have proposed that the Nanking Government should order an immediate reorganisation of the present Kuomintang departments in these cities, which the militarists believe to be under the control of extremists.

MYSTERY STORY.**"PARIS AT MIDNIGHT."**

Several notable players appear in the large cast of "Paris At Midnight," which is the feature attraction from to-day to Saturday at the Star Theatre. Lionel Barrymore, Jettie Goudal, Mary Brian and Jocelyn Lee are the principal players. The story concerns the adventures of "Valeria," a man of mystery, who is being sought after by the police in connexion with a series of amazing crimes. His hairbreadth escapes from the hands of the law provide many thrilling situations which have been admirably directed. Adapted from "Honors de Balzac's well known novel, the screen version is as fascinating as the book and keeps close to the original story throughout.



"Yes, ma'am, I'm working my son's way through college."

MODEL CHINESE COMMUNITY.**MILLIONAIRES PLOUGH FIELDS NEAR NANKING.****CANTONESE VENTURE.**

Nanking, Dec. 17. A small group of about 200 Cantonese merchants who had spent most of their lives and built up their fortunes in foreign countries are quietly carrying out an interesting experiment in establishing a model community about ten miles from the National Capital.

Six years ago, this group returned home and organized a \$200,000 firm, called the Hua Hsin Company. They purchased a piece of land south of Nanking and started to cultivate the land and build their own houses. They elected a general manager and a number of other officers, to take charge of the small community. Nearly every one of the group was moderately well-to-do, some being millionaires, but each one, man or woman, must go into the fields and work. A barefoot farmer working in the fields in a snow storm may have been at one time the wealthy owner of a Chinese import and export firm in New York.

The small community is entirely self-supporting. They grow their own food-stuffs, have their own tailor, carpenter and other necessary shops. Sixteen members of the group belong to the Kuomintang and these have organized a district Kuomintang of their own, carrying on regular party activities in the village. There is also a school for the children. A public park is now under construction to be used as a playground for the younger members of the community and a recreation ground for the grown-ups. It is also planned to convert the dirt roads in the village into cement roads.

While many important political changes are taking place only ten miles away, the small community goes on its daily round without paying the slightest attention to what is going on elsewhere. The manager of the company is not a dictator and there is no criminal law, but there has never been any trouble in the village, nor struggle for power.—Reuter.

12 MONTHS FOR WOMAN SALVATIONIST.**HER CUNNING "ALMOST PAST COMPREHENSION."**

Mrs. Margaret Olive Johnson, the 61-year-old Salvationist, of Castle-lane, Rayleigh, Essex, who was charged with obtaining several hundred pounds by false pretences, was sentenced at Southend recently to twelve months' hard labour.

She represented that she was to benefit under the will of an uncle in Australia to the extent of £74,000.

The Chairman said it was one of the saddest cases that had come under his notice. The cunning that had been shown in obtaining the various sums was almost past comprehension.

The police report showed that Mrs. Johnson had several aliases and had 18 convictions, of which the last was in Newcastle in 1912.

MOTOR SHIPS AND VEHICLES.**THORNYCROFT PRODUCTS IN GOOD DEMAND.****OVERSEAS MARKET.**

Speaking at the annual general meeting of John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., held in London, Sir John E. Thornycroft, K.B.E., M.I.N.A. (managing director), who presided, referred to the growing demand for motor ships and boats, as well as motor vehicles, built by the Company. The following are some extracts from his speech:

"We have referred in the report to the fact that the work carried out on the shipbuilding and engineering side of the business has shown a substantial increase. This increase of turnover has been due in the main to the order secured for six destroyers for the Chilean Government. The work on the contract is proceeding satisfactorily. The first two boats have completed their trials with very successful results, the speeds obtained being well in excess of the contract figures. Five of the vessels in all have been launched, the last vessel will be launched very shortly, and we confidently look forward to this contract being carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Chilean Government."

For Bovril Company. Among the other vessels that have been completed during the year, a motor ship for the Bovril Co., to carry 600 live cattle on the river between Paraguay and Argentina, is worthy of mention, and I am glad to say that she has just arrived in Buenos Ayres after a most satisfactory voyage.

As regards the marine motor and motor-boat work, we were successful in securing the order for two motor torpedo boats (C.M.B.s.) for the Finnish Government, which have just been delivered, and we have also secured an order for two further boats of similar type from the Dutch Government.

I mentioned last year that, owing to the congestion of the roads, more and more people would take to the water. This movement has been reflected in our motor-boat sales, and we seem to have catered for the requirements of many users with our standard type motor cruisers, which, owing to standardisation, we are now able to offer at a very reasonable and very competitive price, taking into consideration the class of workmanship and material used in their construction and the very complete outfit.

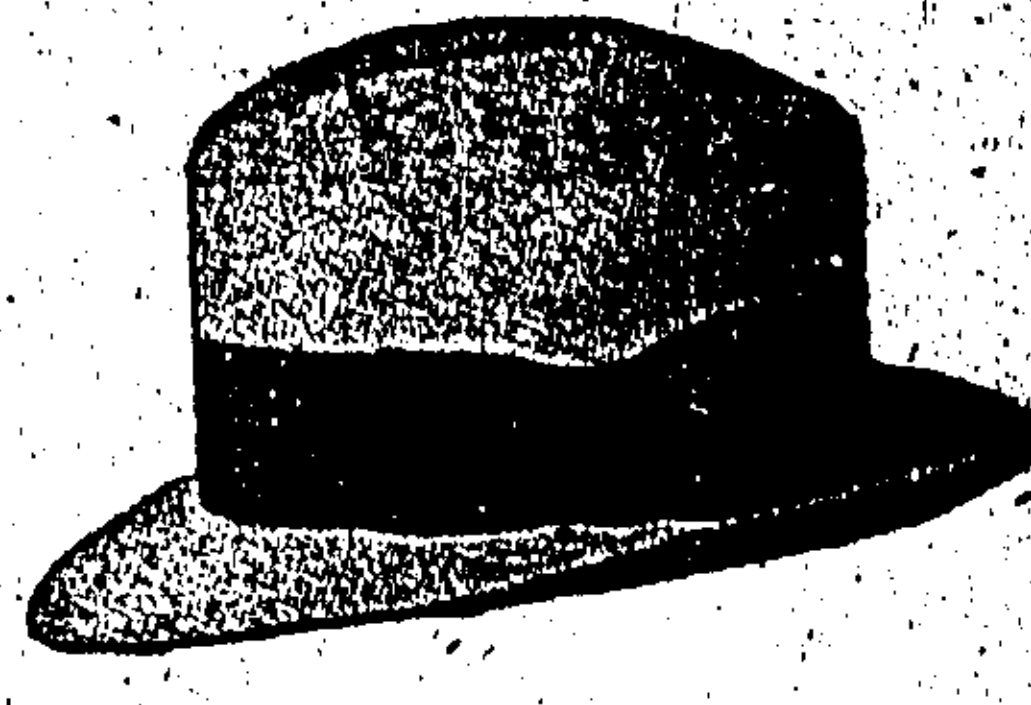
Motor Vehicles Increased Trade. The motor vehicle sales again show a satisfactory expansion, and while continuing to give our close attention to the goods-carrying vehicle, we have also turned our efforts to a greater extent to the development of the passenger-carrying vehicle, with the result that we now have a very complete range of up-to-date and tried designs of each class. Our main developments have been the fitting of six cylinders to the engines and six wheels to the chassis. I mentioned two years ago the production of the rigid type of six-wheeler, which we were then shipping to overseas markets, and expressed the view that it was especially suitable for Colonial work and countries where roads do not exist. It seemed then that there would not be any considerable market for the six-wheeler at home. Our anticipations as to the overseas demand have been realised, and a very considerable proportion of our exports consisted of this type of vehicle, and the demand is still increasing. At home the market is also developing in connexion with passenger-carrying vehicles, and we are now in a position to cater for the home market with low-loading, six-wheel, six-cylinder engine types, which we are just beginning to supply to municipalities and others interested.

In this country we are passing through a very interesting stage in the development of road traction by the railways, and in this connexion it is satisfactory to be able to say that, up to the present, we have been successful in securing a good share of the orders placed by the railways for motor road vehicles both of the goods and passenger types.

Current Year's Prospects. I feel that, taking all the circumstances into consideration, at the present moment our prospects for the current year are quite good—labour troubles may, of course, upset them. Competition, it seems, cannot be worse as regards the shipbuilding and marine engineering side of the business. There is a tendency for it to increase in the motor vehicle business, and, if that happens, then, in my opinion, we are at least in as good a position to meet it as our competitors.

The measure of success which has been obtained is the result of hard work, and I am sure you will join with me in thanking the responsible heads and the various members of the staff for the good results that have been achieved. (Applause).

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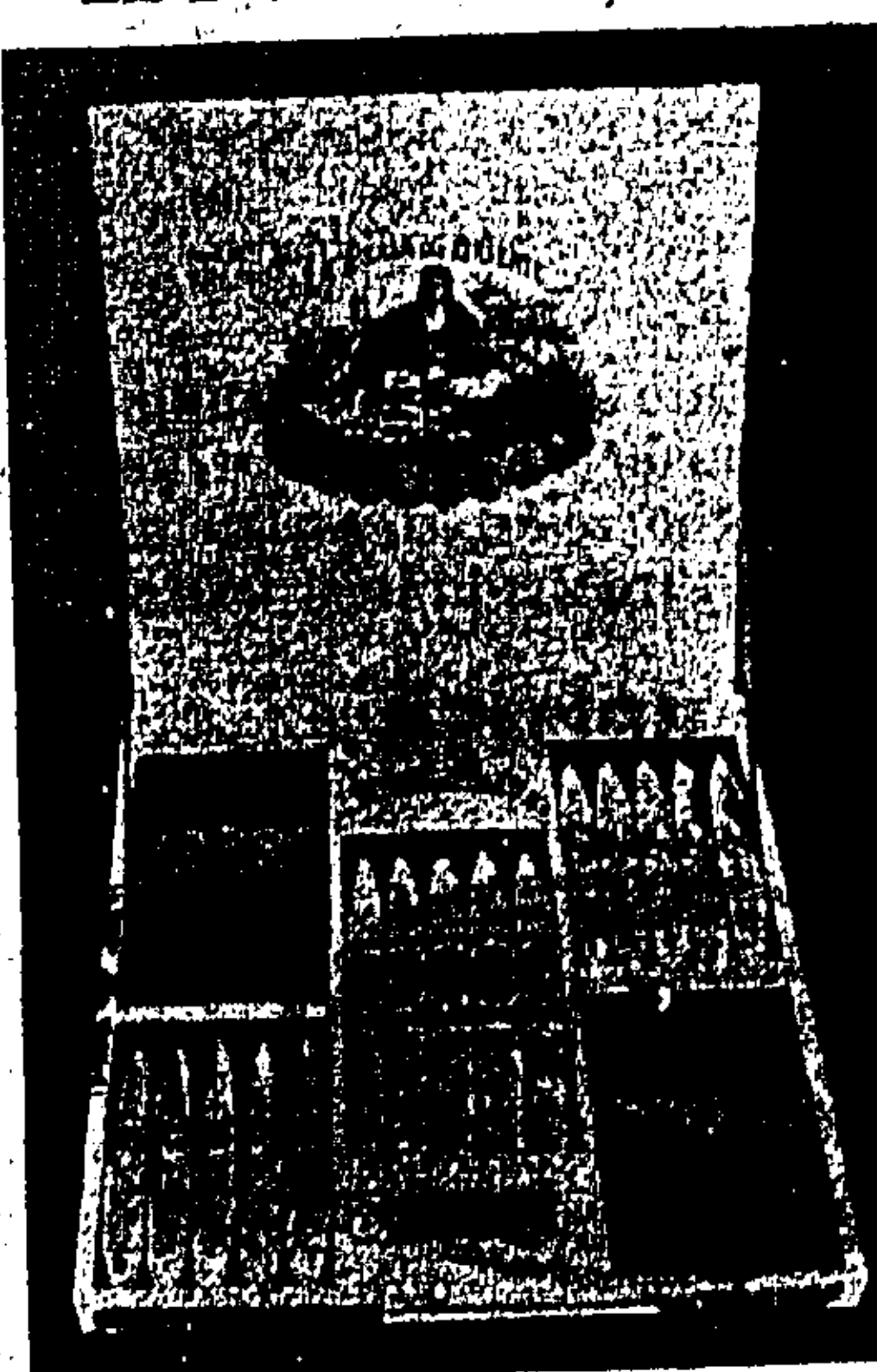
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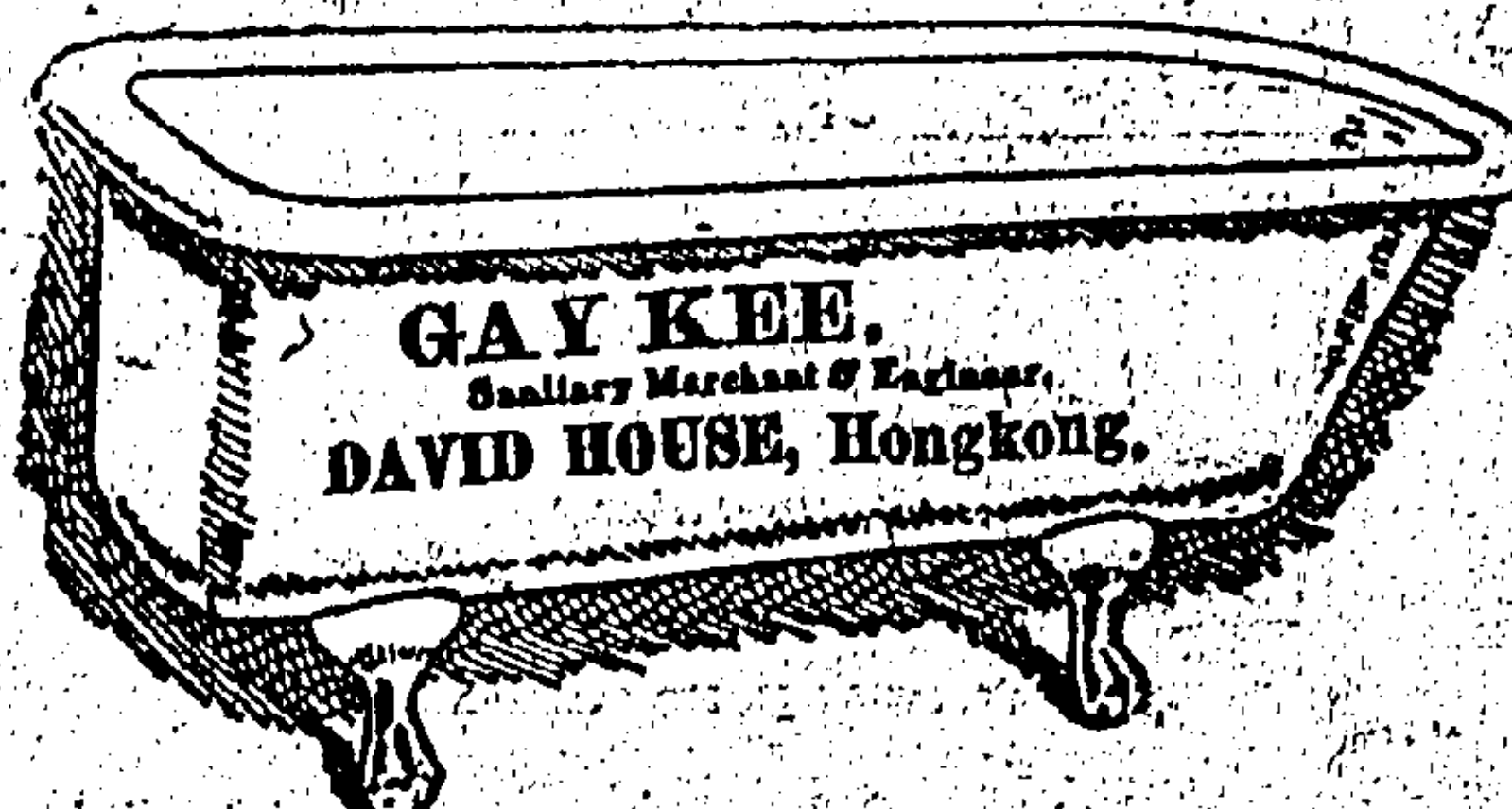
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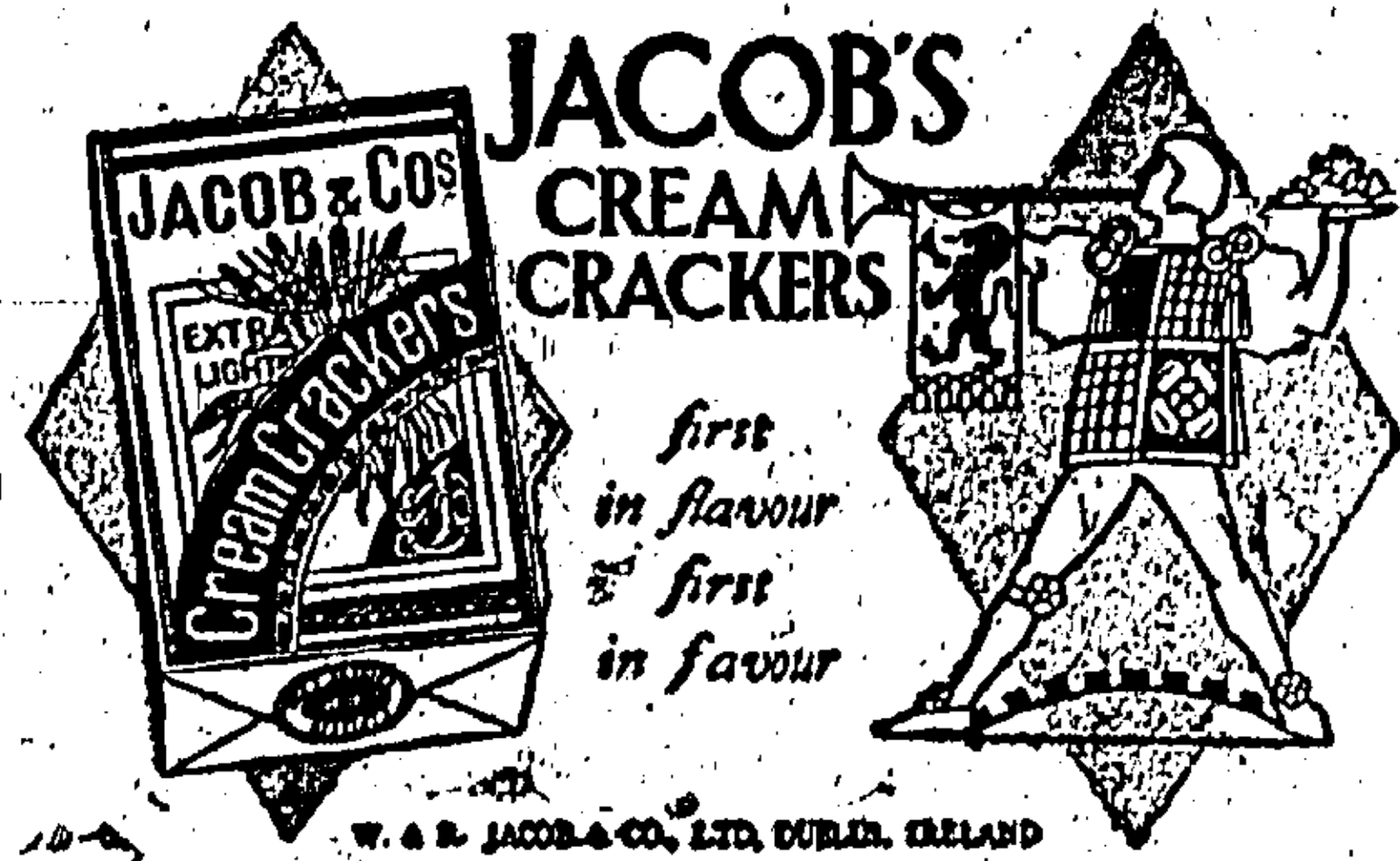
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FINAL OF THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

A most exciting game was witnessed at Shamen on Monday afternoon when A. T. Lay defeated C. E. Watson by three sets to two in the final of the Men's Singles Championship of the Shamen Lawn Tennis Club.

Some really brilliant tennis was seen. The match went the whole five sets and might have been anybody's game right up to the last.

The first set was taken by Lay fairly easily, Watson not seeming to settle down for some time, though he took the opening game. Lay then took five games in succession, three of which went to deuce; the seventh game went to Watson to fifteen; after three deuces Lay took the eighth game and the set at 6/2.

The next set was taken by Watson with the greatest ease; in fact, Lay only made nine points in the whole set, and the two last games went to Watson at love making the score 6/1.

The third set proved the greatest battle of all and was far the most interesting from the point of view of the spectators. Lay commenced serving and each took his service game up to six all; then Lay won the next two games and the set at 8/6.

In the fourth set Lay led away in style and took the first four games with the loss of only four points. Watson then made a splendid recovery and took six games in succession, winning the set at 6/4.

This brought the score to two sets all and excitement ran high amongst the spectators when Watson took the first game of the fifth and last set from Lay's service to love, this making the seventh game in succession to go to Watson. The next two games went to Lay, but Watson evened up again on his service, making the score two sets all, two games all.

The fifth game Lay served and won a love game, the next three games went with the service, bringing the score up to two sets all, four games all. It was obvious that both players were tiring, especially as the opening sets had been played off before 1 o'clock when it was still quite hot.

However, Lay seemed to pull himself together with a final effort and succeeded in taking the last two games with the loss of only three points, thus bringing the final score to 6/2, 1/6, 8/6, 4/6, 6/4.

Mixed Doubles Handicaps.

In the semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles Handicap, Mrs. J. F. Brennan and Mr. M. A. Annett (—30) defeated Mr. and Mrs. M. Brennan (—230) 6/4, 6/0.

Mrs. C. E. Watson and Mr. F. Gandossi (—30) defeated Miss P. Kemble and Mr. J. F. Brennan (—30) 6/2, 6/3.

The final went to Mrs. C. E. Watson and Mr. F. Gandossi in two straight sets. Mrs. J. F. Brennan and Mr. M. A. Annett put up a fine fight in the first set, only losing by 6/8. Their great effort seemed, however, to have exhausted them and they lost the next set at 1/6.—Our Own Correspondent.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

ITS FUNCTIONS DEFINED.

Sir Donald MacAllister, in opening the session of the General Medical Council at Hallam-street recently, took advantage of the fact that it was the seventieth anniversary of its foundation to quote the functions of the Council as defined by the first president and as extant to-day.

"The Medical Council, Sir Benjamin Brodie had stated," he said, "is appointed by Parliament to act in those matters which affect the medical profession, both on the part of the profession and the public. It is not to be supposed that they have any interests of their own to serve. When they conceive that any alteration is required in laws concerning the profession, it is their duty to represent this in the proper quarter, not as petitioners, but as coadjutors of the Government in one department of the public business."

That conception of the Council's place and function in the State had been sustained worthily for seventy years.

The relations with the Indian Government, he explained, on the question of the recognition for practice in this country of Indian medical degrees, were approaching a more stable and satisfactory position. A Bill for establishing an All-India Medical Council, which would exercise effective supervision over professional teaching and examination in the Provinces, having special regard to the external and central or non-provincial aspects of medical qualification, was now under discussion by the Central Legislature.

PORTUGAL BRING OFF A WIN.

GOSANO'S APPEARANCE UPSETS CALCULATIONS.

SCOTLAND OVERRUN.

Portugal brought off a big surprise in the International Charity Cup yesterday, defeating Scotland by four goals to one, and well deserving their success. The return of Gosano to the centre-forward position made all the difference, the Interport player scoring two characteristic goals, and leading the attack in fine style.

Scotland at no time got well together, and before Toal scored, Portugal had netted on four occasions.

The Portuguese began with a big rush which rattled the Scottish defence, and Gosano broke through to score with a brilliant shot. The Scottish reply failed of its purpose, the forwards indulging in idle passing tactics which failed ill against a vigorous defence.

Rosa Pereira put Portugal further ahead before the interval, and within fifteen minutes of the restart, the game had been made safe, Gosano netting with a terrific drive from 25 yards range, and Ward walking the ball into an empty net after Clark had been drawn out.

Xavier, who was injured early on, retired at this stage, and Gosano went back, Portugal concentrating on defence. After many big raids had broken down, Toal beat Beltrao with a good shot.

Play at no time reached the level of the England-China match on Christmas Day. Scotland disappointed by a poor display. Portugal were fast and energetic and always the more dangerous of the two sides.

Gosano was none the worse for his long absence from the game, and the men on either side of him rendered splendid support. Silva Neto gave a much improved display, and thus saved a situation which by reason of Xavier's injury might have been critical. The half-backs were individually sound, and a clever line.

Scotland were best served by Clark, McGrenvy, Martin, Stewart and McGlinchey.

BRIBERY CHARGE FAILS.

PASSPORT OFFICER NOT GUILTY.

Accused of having accepted a bribe from an Italian emigrant, William Gustav Brown, an assistant immigration officer, of Folkestone, was found not guilty at Maidstone Assizes.

Brown was charged with having, while an agent in the employment of the Crown, corruptly accepted and obtained from Eugenio Buonaccorsi, an ice-cream vendor, of Glasgow, on March 20 last, the sum of £7 "as an inducement for doing acts in relation to the affairs of His Majesty."

Buonaccorsi, who gave his address as Saracen-street, Glasgow, said Brown was alone in the passport office of the steamer Engadine when he presented his papers.

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After saying witness must go back to Boulogne, Brown, he alleged, made signs with his hands, and he (Buonaccorsi) pulled out his wallet and gave Brown £7 in Treasury notes.

Brown afterwards gave him his passport, saying "I give you two months." At Glasgow (Buonaccorsi) said he reported the matter to the Italian Consul.

Alfred William Binfield, a steward in the Engadine, said the door of the Passport Office was open while Buonaccorsi was inside. He (Binfield) was confident no bribery took place.

Brown, who denied the charge, said Buonaccorsi said to him: "Do what you can for me. I will see you all right." "I told him to get outside," replied Brown.

Mr. Waddy (defence): Did you ever accept money?—No. He did not offer or produce any.

The jury found Brown not guilty, and he was discharged.

FANLING HUNT.

RESULT OF POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

The results of the Point-to-Point races in connexion with the Fanling Hunt, held at Fanling yesterday, were as follows:

Heavyweight Race.—1, Dumbell (Mr. Mattingley); 2, Solitaire (Mr. Duke); 3, Blotting Paper (Mr. Watson).

Lightweight Race.—1, Rupert (Mr. Morgan); 2, Klangau (Mr. Beck); 3, As You Like It (Mr. Barnes).

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$1325 n.	
Chartered Bank, \$23 b.	
Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n.	
P. and O. \$52 n.	
East As's \$84 b.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$675 s.	
Union Ins., \$365 b.	
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.	
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.	
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.	
China Firo, \$280 b.	
H. K. Firo Ins., \$780 s.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$384 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 b.	
H. K. Tugs, \$1 s.	
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$724 b.	
Shell Trans., 118/- n.	
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.	
Mining.	
Bonguets, \$2.50 n.	
Kailans, 70/- b.	
Langkats, Tls. 107 b.	
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 s.	
Raub's, \$51 b.	
Tronohs, 17/6 n.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$134 s.	
Whampoa Docks, \$374 b.	
China Providents \$5 b.	
Hongkows, Tls. 156 b.	
New Engineerings, Tls. 51 b.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 105 b.	
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.10 s.	
Oriental, Tls. 2.25 s.	
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 654 (old) b.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$925 b.	
H. K. Lands, \$644 b.	
S'hai Lands Tls. 165 b.	
Humphreys, \$15 s.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$212 s.	
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.	
Star Ferries, \$694 n.	
China Lights, (Old.) \$12 n.	
H. K. Electric, \$53 b.	
Macao Electric, \$261 b.	
Telephones \$7.30 X. Rights s.	
China Buses, Tls. 107 b.	
Singapore Traction, 12/- n.	
Industrials.	
China Sugars, 90 n.	
Malabons, \$231 b.	
Canton Ices, \$3.50 n.	
Cements (Comb.) \$9.60 b.	
Ropes (Old) \$7.60 n.	
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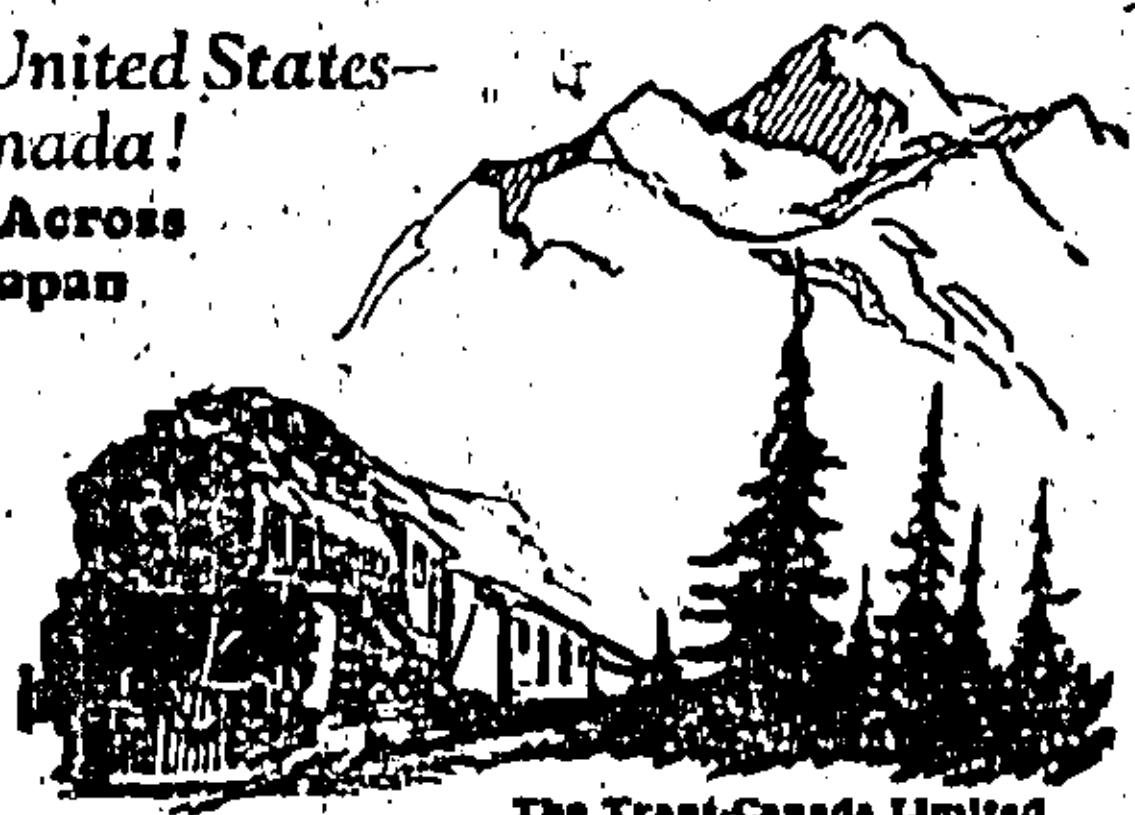
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"Quanno 'A Pennenza Vo'," Gigli.

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A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

London, Dec. 26.

In response to the Prince of Wales' broadcast appeal, Lady Houston has given £30,000 and Lord Rothermere £25,000.

These amounts have been handed to the Lord Mayor's fund and the Government will give an equivalent sum in accordance with Mr. Baldwin's statement on December 17.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF.

You'll find some unusual letter changes in to-day's puzzle—from GIANT to BREED. Par is seven.

G	I	A	N	T
B	R	E	E	D

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

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HOLIDAY TENNIS.

K.I.T.C. DEFEAT THE C.S.O. RECREATION CLUB.

The Kowloon Indian Tennis Club entertained the C.S.O. Recreation Club on Christmas Day at King's Park and defeated them by 11 games. The results were as follows: The K.I.T.C. players being named first:

Peroz Ali and M. A. Khan beat Y. J. Khan and A. Chan 6-5, beat Y. J. Khan and K. T. Ng 6-5, beat K. T. Ng and J. Wong 6-5.

H. Singh and Firdos Khan beat Y. J. Khan and A. Chan 7-4, lost to Y. J. Khan and K. T. Ng 2-9, beat K. T. Ng and J. Wong 7-4.

G. A. Khan and Firdos Khan beat Y. J. Khan and A. Chan 7-4, beat Y. J. Khan and K. T. Ng 7-4, beat K. T. Ng and J. Wong 7-4.

T. Ng and J. Wong 7-4.

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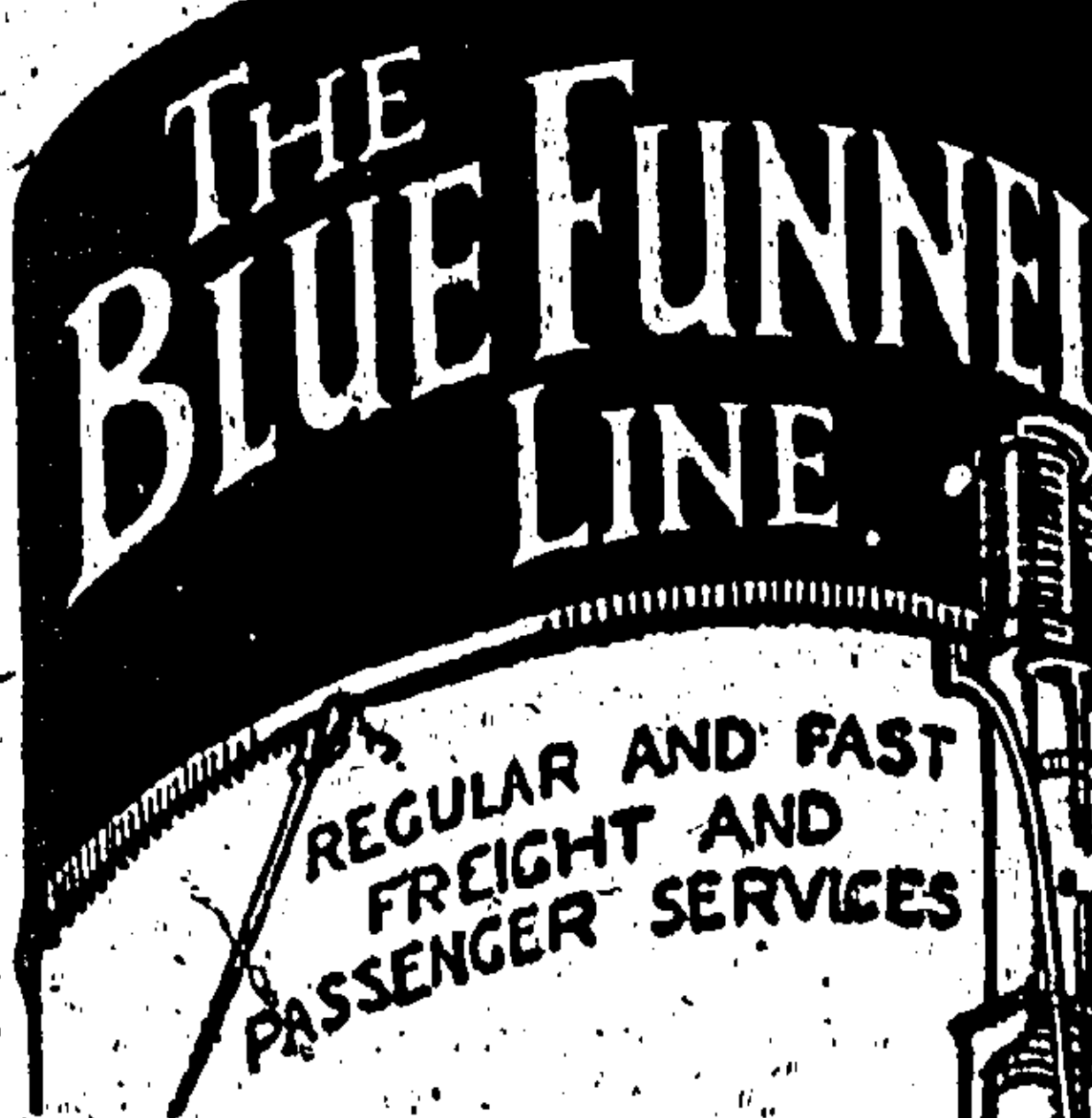
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C.S.C. CHILDREN'S SPORTS AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Civil Service Cricket Club was the scene of a happy reunion of members and their children yesterday afternoon. A programme of sports for the children was successfully carried out, this being combined with a number of other attractions which included a Christmas tree, donkey rides and a chute. Tea was also served, while as to prizes and toys there appeared to be an endless number which were shared by all the children, winners and losers alike. In general, the afternoon was an enjoyable one for all.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes and toys were distributed from the Christmas tree by Mrs. G. R. Sayer, assisted by Club officials and by Mr. Millington, who made a very happy impersonation of Father Christmas.

Mrs. Sayer was thanked by Mr. S. C. Alderman for her services, and was presented with a bouquet. On behalf of his wife, Mr. Sayer expressed appreciation of the invitation extended to her by the Committee of the Club.

Children's Sports.

The results of the children's sports were as follows:
Race for boys under 10 years of age.—1st, D. Hollidge; 2nd, B. Pryde.
Boys over 10.—1st, P. Murphy; 2nd, R. Wood.
Girls under 10.—1st, M. Parsons; 2nd, J. Holland.
Girls over 10.—1st, M. Murphy; 2nd, M. Glendonning.
Boys' Foot Race, over 10.—1st, N. Booker; 2nd, P. Gow.
Boys' Foot Race, over 10.—1st, R. Wood; 2nd, P. Murphy.
Occasion was also taken to distribute the sports prizes won by members during the year. The winners were as follows:

Doubles Section.

Championship Winner, Mr. F. E. Booker; runner-up, Mr. A. W. Grimmit.
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Cricket.

1st Team Batting, Mr. F. J. de Romo.
2nd Team Batting—Mr. E. S. W. Paterson.
1st Team Bowling—Mr. F. Baker.
2nd Team Bowling—Mr. R. G. Robertson.

Tennis.

Championship winner, Mr. R. White. Runner-up, Mr. Handlo.
Men's Doubles Handicap—Winners, Mr. Luck and Mr. G. J. Tacchi; Runners-up, Mr. Unsell and Mr. Whant.
Singles Handicap—Winner, Mr. R. White. Runner-up, Mr. R. Jones.
Mixed Doubles Handicap—Winners, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grimmit; Runners-up, Mrs. Gull and Mr. Luck.

HOLIDAY CRICKET MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. DRAW WITH THE ARMY.

Yesterday saw several interesting friendly cricket matches, in one of which, when the H.K.C.C. drew with the Army, there was unusually thrilling play.
The bachelor members of Cransgower provided a strong side which beat the married men; the University accounted for an eleven from H.M.S. Hermes; and the K.C.C. entertained a C.R.C. eleven, whom they defeated.

Club and Army Draw in High Scoring Game.

The two-days match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and Army was changed into a one day match which was played off yesterday. The game was drawn.

The Army.

Lt. Col. Christian, b. Wales ... 4
Capt. Evans, c. Hancock, b. Wales ... 31
Pte. Mott, c. Sayer, b. Owen ... 45
Hughes ... 45
Major Gaye, c. Quick, b. Parker ... 1
Capt. Thorp, l.b.w. Wales ... 58
Capt. Dobbie, b. Wales ... 4
Lt. Col. Wyatt, b. Bonnar ... 3
Lt. Munson, not out ... 86
Lt. Gunning, c. Hancock, b. Wales ... 0
L/Cpl. Miles, l.b.w. Wales ... 8
Pte. Goodall, b. Wales ... 8
Extras ... 14
Total ... 210

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	8	1	29	1
Wales	22	4	74	7
Parker	9	3	17	1
Bonnar	11	1	45	1
Owen Hughes	5	—	31	1

Hongkong C.C.

A. W. Hayward, b. Wyatt ... 1
T. E. Pearce, c. Miles, b. Dobbie ... 48
Rev. E. K. Quick, c. Evans, b. Wyatt ... 5
G. R. Sayer, c. and b. Wyatt ... 0
H. Owen Hughes, b. Wyatt ... 0
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. and b. Wyatt ... 0
J. L. Bonnar, c. and b. Wyatt ... 0
H. V. Parker, c. Dobbie, b. Christian ... 15
H. R. B. Hancock, not out ... 23
A. C. I. Bowker, l.b.w. Christian ... 0
Extras ... 23
Total (for 9 wks.) ... 168

C. D. Wales did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbie	12	3	21	1
Wyatt	15	4	45	0
Christian	15	4	52	2
Miles	6	1	17	1
Mott	9	2	22	1
Munson	1	—	0	—

INTER-CLUB GAME.

Single Men Severely Trounce the Benedict.

The annual match between the married and single members of the Cransgower Cricket Club took place yesterday, the bachelors winning easily by 167 runs. The teams were twelve aside. The full scores were:

Single.

S. Abbas, l.b.w. Oliver ... 16
H. P. Lim, l.b.w. Oliver ... 1
E. B. Hanson, b. Bradbury ... 39
H. D. Rumjahn, b. Oliver ... 0
A. B. Hanson, b. Omar ... 10
J. A. Victor, l.b.w. Bradbury ... 1
R. C. Reed, c. Rumjahn, b. Omar ... 19

E. Zimmern, c. and b. Oliver ... 40
J. W. Leonard, not out ... 38
O. Ismail, b. Bradbury ... 19
W. Musket, not out ... 30
Extras ... 210
Total (10 wks. dec.) ... 210

D. M. A. Razack did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Oliver	15	2	51	4
Wyatt	4	—	14	—
Bradbury	13	1	43	—
Omar	11	1	30	—
Kitchell	4	—	24	—
Abbas	2	—	7	—

Married.

U. M. Omar, c. Reed, b. Abbas ... 5
A. Kitchell, b. Hanson ... 0
W. Way, b. Abbas ... 0
D. Rumjahn, c. Hanson, b. Reed ... 19
B. W. Bradbury, c. Leonard, b. Musket ... 18
Musket ... 18
Y. Abbas, c. Ismail, b. Hanson ... 5
E. Arculli, c. Ismail, b. Rumjahn ... 10
W. Youngs, c. Leonard, b. Rumjahn ... 10
Rumjahn ... 10
F. Oliver, l.b.w. Reed ... 0
J. Richey, b. Rumjahn ... 0
H. Hyndman, c. Zimmern, b. Rumjahn ... 1
C. S. Rossetti, not out ... 0
Extras ... 4
Total ... 59

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hanson	6	1	11	2
Abbas	7	3	10	2
Musket	4	2	5	1
Razack	2	—	8	—
Reed	3	—	14	—
Rumjahn	3	1	7	2

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS.

A Team from H.M.S. Hermes Defeated.

In a friendly match on the University ground yesterday afternoon, the University first eleven defeated a team from H.M.S. Hermes by 25 runs.

Scores:

University.

D. Laing, l.b.w. Cornish ... 31
E. A. Lee, b. Gregory ... 3
F. J. Zimmern, c. Cambridge, b. Gregory ... 10
Gregory ... 10
L. T. Hild, st. Cross, b. Cornish ... 9
S. V. Gittins, b. Cornish ... 9
A. A. Rumjahn, b. Cornish ... 20
W. M. Gittins, run out ... 16
S. R. Kermani, b. Graham ... 9
D. K. Samy, b. Trusler ... 20
A. T. Lee, b. Gregory ... 20
N. P. Karanjia, not out ... 19
Extras ... 5
Total ... 154

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gregory	10	5	49	3
Trusler	11	5	24	1
Phillips	4	2	12	1
Cornish	8	1	25	4
Tufnell	4	—	28	—
Graham	3	—	11	1

H.M.S. Hermes.

E. R. A. Graham, run out ... 0
L. Wright, b. Lee ... 0
L. Phillips, b. M. b. Lee ... 20
Marine Trusler, c. A. T. Lee, b. "Rido" ... 44
C. W. Gregory, c. Rumjahn, b. Lee ... 27
Capt. Cornish, b. S. V. Gittins ... 0
Lt. Comdr. Tufnell, c. Kermani, b. Samy ... 5
Lt. Cambridge, b. Lee ... 8
Lt. Pearce, b. Lee ... 11
Stoker Cross, not out ... 5
Lt. Soller, c. Kermani, b. Lee ... 9
Extras ... 9
Total ... 129

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. T. Lee	10	1	17	0
E. A. Lee	2	—	18	—
A. Rumjahn	6	1	12	—
D. Samy	7	1	20	1
W. Gittins	2	—	9	—
S. V. Gittins	5	1	19	1
L. Rido	2	—	15	1

K.C.C. DEFEAT C.R.C.

Yesterday's All-Day Match at Kowloon.

In an all-day match on the Kowloon C.C. ground yesterday, the K.C.C. defeated the Chinese R.C. by 54 runs. The K.C.C. batted first and compiled 130, Hall and Ramsey contributing 37 and 23 respectively. The wickets were shared by Kelly, Hung, Lee, Anderson and Ng Sze-kwong. The C.R.C. replied with 70, J. L. Youngs being top scorer with 22 not out. Scores:

Kowloon C. C.

A. W. Ramsey, b. Anderson ... 23
E. F. Fincher, b. Kelly ... 7
E. C. Fincher, b. Lee ... 7
G. A. V. Hall, b. Kelly ... 37
J. L. Youngs, not out ... 22
F. Goodwin, b. Kelly ... 1
F. S. W. Smith, b. Hung ... 5
J. J. Hirst, b. Hung ... 0
H. T. Buxton, b. Lee ... 3
A. E. Silkestone, c. Kelly, b. Ng Sze-kwong ... 10
N. H. Ross, not out ... 2
Extras ... 29
Total ... 130

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. C. Hung	12	2	26	2
D. Kelly	10	8	43	3
R. Lee	10	4	8	5
D. J. N. Anderson	7	1	11	2
Teul Wal-pul	2	—	18	—
Ng Sze-kwong	1	—	3	1

Chinese R. C.

W. H. Kwan, b. Goodwin ... 3
D. J. N. Anderson, c. Puttee, b. Goodwin ... 0
W. H. Sling, c. Buxton, b. Ross ... 1
W. C. Hung, b. Goodwin ... 11
Ng Sze-kwong, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Ross ... 13
J. L. Youngs, not out ... 22
H. Hung, b. Goodwin ... 2
Tsui Wai-pul, b. Goodwin ... 3
C. Choa, c. Puttee, b. Ross ... 0
D. Kelly, b. Ross ... 0
R. Lee, retired hurt ... 7
Extras ... 7
Total ... 76

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. Goodwin	10	7	30	5
N. H. Ross	16	6	38	4
J. J. Hirst	1	—	1	—
G. A. V. Hall	3	—	1	—

Christmas Match.

On the Indian R.C. ground on Christmas Day a match was played between teams captained by S. A. Ismail and A. H. Rumjahn. The former's team batted first and compiled 151 runs (A. H. Madar 67). Curran took five wickets for 32 runs. Rumjahn's eleven replied with 112 for 8 wickets (A. H. Rumjahn 30). Madar was also successful with the ball, taking four wickets for 28 runs.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
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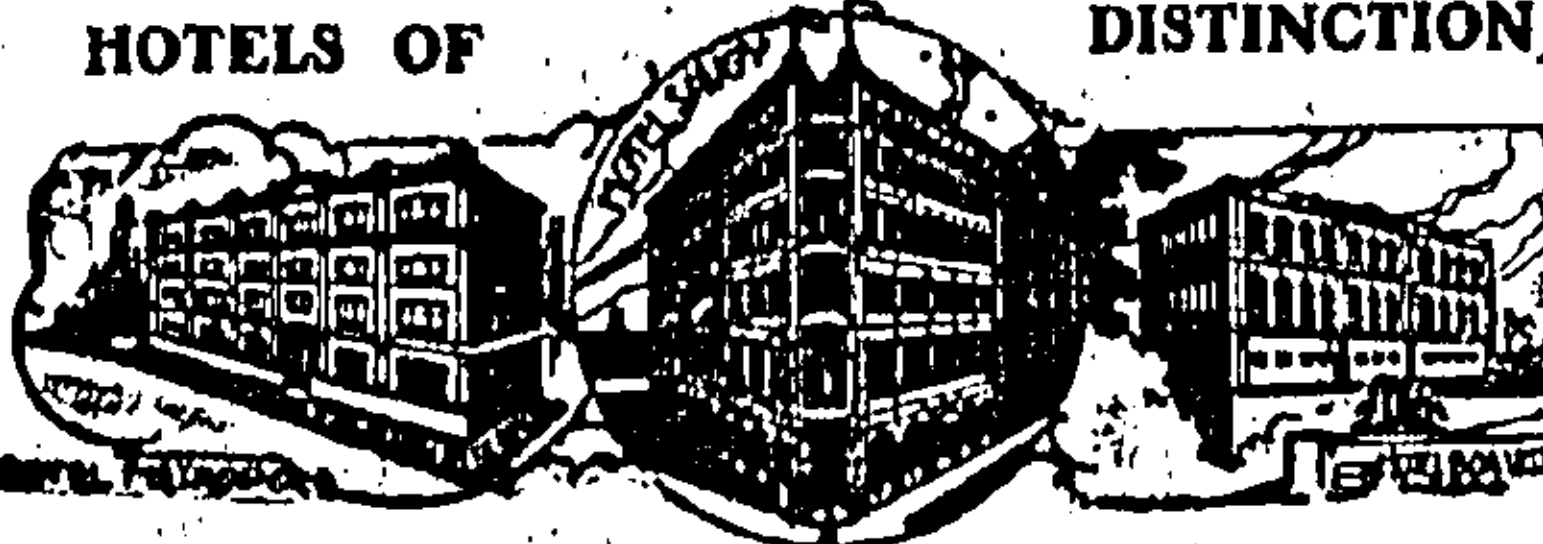
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GUNMAN MURDERS CHINESE.

EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICER'S
NARROW ESCAPE.

SINGAPORE INCIDENT.

Singapore, Dec. 19.
A Chinese was shot dead at about 9.30 a.m. to-day in Queen Street. The gunman was arrested after being pursued a considerable distance by Det. Inspector Dixon and Mr. G. Perkins, of the Government Monopolies. The gunman fired four times at Det. Inspector Dixon while being pursued.

The two European officers visited 136, Queen Street, in the course of an investigation. When they emerged, Mr. Perkins got into his car, and looked round to see what Det. Inspector Dixon was doing. As he did so, he heard three shots in rapid succession. His first impression was that Chinese crackers were being let off.

Then he saw a man fall and realised that he had been shot. Mr. Perkins immediately left his car and joined Det. Inspector Dixon, who had already started in pursuit of two Chinese, both armed with pistols.

The chase led from Queen Street, into Malacca Street and from there into Malabar Street. Det. Inspector Dixon was ahead of Mr. Perkins, and one of the Chinese fired four times at the police officer, none of the shots, fortunately, finding a mark.

In Malabar Street, the man who fired at Det. Inspector Dixon kept straight on. His companion doubled back into Queen Street and got away.

Both Europeans continued in pursuit of the gunman who eventually ran into the arms of a constable, and was promptly knocked down and disarmed.

It is believed that the pistol of the gunman who got away jammed, and that the man who was arrested is the person who shot the Chinese.

Some Asiatic police in mufti, and a Bengali detective, took up the chase with Det. Inspector Dixon. The Bengali detective was armed and was ahead of Det. Inspector Dixon when the gunman fired at his pursuers, and he returned the fire.

The gunman ran from Malabar Street into North Bridge Road. By this time he was completely exhausted, and was disarmed by an additional police constable in mufti, who was on duty in Malabar Street, and a Malay motor-car driver.

It is understood that the deceased was a fish dealer and that his assailant was a hired assassin.

SEVENOAKS ACCIDENT.

PASSENGER AWARDED £900
DAMAGES.

The hearing was concluded in the King's Bench Division before the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) and a special jury of the action brought by Mr. Finlay Duncan McMillan, assistant general manager of the Prudential Assurance Company, of The Leas, Folkestone, against the Southern Railway Company.

Mr. McMillan claimed damages for personal injuries arising from the railway disaster at Sevenoaks on August 24 of last year when a Southern Railway train left the rails and several people were killed. The jury awarded him £900.

Mr. Charles Spencer Golding, of Julian-road, Folkestone, who frequently travelled from London to Folkestone with Mr. McMillan, stated that when Mr. McMillan resumed travelling after the disaster it was noticeable, if the train were travelling fast, he became very upset. This was even more noticeable when passing another train.

Sir Farquhar Buzzard, consulting physician of Wimpole-street, called for the defence, said that in his opinion Mr. McMillan had made a good recovery, and he saw no reason why he should suffer in the future from the effects of the accident.

This concluded the evidence. The jury awarded Mr. McMillan £900 damages (as stated).

As £1,000 had been paid into Court by the Railway Company, Mr. Schiller, K.C., asked for judgment for his clients with an order for the payment out of the remaining £100 to them.

The Lord Chief Justice said that the order would be judgment for the defendants for £100, the remaining £900 to remain in Court pending taxation for costs.

Lady McGowan unveiled a "bed-plate" at St. Mark's Hospital, City-road, in recognition of a £1,000 gift from Sir Harry McGowan.

STRAITS LAWYER REBUKED.

JUDGE'S PERTINENT
REMARKS.

ABSENCE OF SATISFACTORY
RECORDS CRITICISED.

UNDUE INFLUENCE?

Singapore, Dec. 19.
Strong criticism of the conduct of Mr. L. Stuart-Bell, a member of the Singapore Bar, in failing to keep proper records of the execution of a deed were made by Mr. Justice Deane in the Supreme Court this morning.

The case was one in which Radin bin Abdul Rahman sued Incho Katijah binte Abdullah, a widow, in connexion with certain lands. Plaintiff stated that by a conveyance dated Aug. 30, 1926, defendant conveyed to plaintiff and defendant as tenants in common ten pieces of land on Singapore Island. Plaintiff claimed a declaration that he was entitled to an equal moiety in these lands.

Defendant said that she and plaintiff were married in February, 1926, and divorced in December, 1927. Prior to the marriage, and in consideration thereof, plaintiff advanced to defendant \$2,000 for the purpose of paying off a mortgage which was the subject of this action, and defendant agreed to execute a mortgage on the property in favour of the plaintiff bearing no interest.

Deed Prepared.

Subsequent to the marriage plaintiff called upon defendant to execute the mortgage in his favour for a sum of \$2,000 bearing no interest. A deed was accordingly prepared by plaintiff's solicitor, Mr. Stuart-Bell, and signed by defendant.

This deed was in fact a conveyance of the property from defendant and herself as tenants in common in fee simple only. This deed was not properly explained to defendant, but she was led to believe by plaintiff that it was a mortgage in his favour bearing no interest.

Defendant, prior to the marriage, paid the \$2,000 received from plaintiff to the mortgagee and received back the deeds of the property and mortgage deed. At the time of executing the conveyance the mortgage had not been re-conveyed to defendant. In August, 1926, plaintiff, with his solicitor, brought to defendant the deed of conveyance and informed defendant that owing to the mortgage not having been re-conveyed, it was necessary to sign a new mortgage deed.

Undue Influence Alleged.

Defendant, being illiterate, signed where she was told to sign and in fact put her marks against alterations in the deed of conveyance believing that the deed was a new mortgage.

Defendant said she signed the deed of conveyance through mistake as she did not know its purport, and under the undue influence of the plaintiff and without independent advice. She counter-claimed for an order that the deed be cancelled.

The case was opened a few days ago, and this morning Mr. Stuart-Bell appeared to give evidence at Mr. Justice Deane's request.

His Lordship's first question was whether Mr. Stuart-Bell, as a solicitor, kept a diary.

Mr. Stuart-Bell:—Yes, my Lord. His Lordship:—And you enter in it everything that happens every day?—Not everything.

His Lordship:—All important business?—Not even that, my Lord.

Asked why, Mr. Stuart-Bell said it took so much time.

"Do Be Sensible.

His Lordship:—Do be sensible, Mr. Stuart-Bell. Have you so much work to do that it takes too much time to enter in your diary what you do every day?—I did not think it was necessary, my Lord.

His Lordship:—Tell me what you do consider necessary. This person coming to your chambers and signing this deed—did you consider it necessary to put that in your diary?—No, because the record of it is on the deed itself.

Further questioned, Mr. Stuart-Bell said he had not entered anything about this deed in his diary.

His Lordship:—Consider the difficulty you are putting the court by not having any record. Here is this woman swearing that she never executed this deed in your chambers, but that you came to her house, and you swearing that she came to your chambers. If you had had something in your

CREW COMPLAINS AT FOOD.

ALSO ACCUSES MATE OF
BEING A BULLY.

HEARING ADJOURNED.

Allegations that the food served was of inferior quality, and that the mate was a bully, were made at the Marine Court this morning before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., when twelve members of the crew of the s.s. Darcolla were charged, at the instance of the master, with disobedience of lawful orders. The accused, eight seamen, three stewards and one cabin boy, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for all the defendants, while Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was in Court on behalf of the master.

Master Fined.

Captain J. Ferguson was first charged, on another count, at the instance of Mr. Coyah, the Shipping Master, with failing to have an official entry in the ship's log signed by the mate or other member of the crew. A plea of guilty was entered and the accused was fined £2, with the usual alternative.

Captain Ferguson then entered the witness-box and gave details of the offence with which members of the crew were charged. The vessel had cleared and was ready for sea at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, he said, and the defendants refused to work the ship. Their refusal was repeated at 1.30 p.m. and the sailing of the Darcolla was thereby delayed. The men stated that they had a grievance, which witness considered to be unjust, but over a considerable period they had been discontented and unwilling to work.

Not Happy Ship.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, witness denied that the food served was "rotten." There had been, he admitted, constant complaints about the food and the "bullying" of the mate, and generally speaking, the ship was not a happy one. When refusing to work the ship out of harbour, the accused had said that they had a complaint and would not sail until it had been heard.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton asked for an adjournment until 11 a.m. to-morrow; the Court granting the plea.

Minor Cases.

One master and one mistress of cargo boats were charged at the same Court with mooring their craft outside five others alongside the s.s. Talamba. The master pleaded guilty and the mistress not guilty.

After police evidence had been taken, the mistress stated that she was only the fifth boat alongside, but perhaps the police could count better than she could. The charge being considered proved, a fine of \$5 was inflicted in each case.

diary showing what happened there would be no doubt about it. As it is, I am left with the woman giving a perfectly straightforward statement, and you giving a statement that has all sorts of extraordinary things about it. What is the good of keeping a diary of this kind? You leave all the important things out.

Not Satisfactory.

A small pocket-book was handed to his Lordship, who asked whether Mr. Stuart-Bell called that a diary and asked whether he had a fee book.

Mr. Stuart-Bell said he kept a bill file showing receipts.

His Lordship:—Have you no record of the amount you received from these people? No books of any kind?

Mr. Stuart-Bell said the amount was \$100, and he could probably produce the receipts.

His Lordship said the absence of records was most unsatisfactory. The court had the right to expect some sort of assistance from a solicitor. Of a transaction two days before the signing of the deed, Mr. Stuart-Bell remembered nothing at all.

Mr. Stuart-Bell:—This was three years ago, my Lord. I have been in the Colony nine years without leave, and my memory is not as good as it was.

His Lordship:—But you are asking me to rely upon your memory.

Mr. Stuart-Bell said he clearly remembered this incident.

Mr. R. Page, for plaintiff, and Mr. Griffith Williams for defendant, had no questions to ask, and Mr. Stuart-Bell then left the witness-box.

His Lordship reserved judgment in the action.

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